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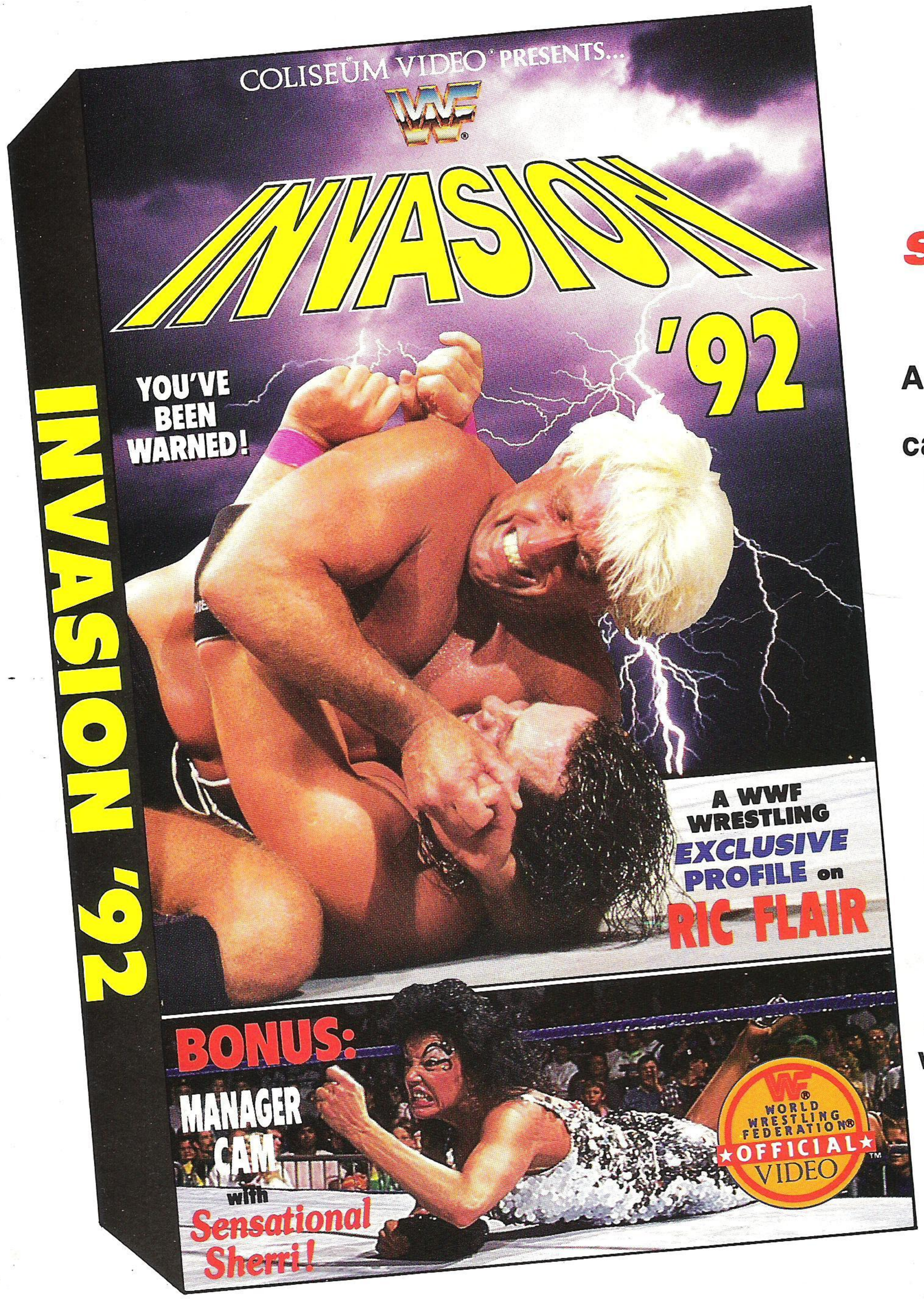

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A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER

Over the years, *WWF Wrestling Spotlight* has focused twice on Macho Man Randy Savage. In each issue, Elizabeth was prominently mentioned. It was natural, since she has been such a major factor in the Macho Man's life. For a long time, we have believed that Elizabeth, the gentle yet strong First Lady of the WWF, has merited her own *Spotlight*. Finally, we have done it.

This issue of *WWF Wrestling Spotlight* is one of the most interesting and provoking we have ever published. In it, we explore the character and personality of a young woman who has captured the hearts of millions of people, not just for her outer pulchritude, but for her inner beauty as well.

This was not an easy issue to do. Elizabeth is an extremely complex person. At the same time, like the Macho Man, she can seem bigger than life, although in her own quiet way. Trying to describe Elizabeth in all her aspects and do her justice is a difficult job. We hope you like the results.

In closing, we on the staff of WWF Publications would like to say something we think is on the minds of fans throughout the world.

Macho Man, because of Elizabeth, we believe that you are a very lucky man, indeed.

Thomas H.W.Emanuel
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a look at a Lady Elizabeth in the WWF

BY KEITH ELLIOTT GREENBERG

She walked through the curtain, and the World Wrestling Federation suddenly took on a special grace.

It was some weeks after Macho Man Randy Savage made his emergence into the WWF, whipping like a hurricane through the competition. As he delivered axhandles from the turnbuckles onto his hapless victims on the arena floor and finished them off with the flying elbow from the top rope, the established managers were watching closely. Clearly, the man was destined for great things, they concluded. The only element missing was the right person to guide him.

The advisers—who saw themselves as a kind of exclusive men's club—would constantly jibe at one another. Each boasted that he was a clause away from signing the Macho Man to a long-term contract. Of course, this was nothing more than posturing. An intensely private person, Savage was carefully considering his options, revealing nothing to those who clamored for an indication of his final pick.

In his ever-flamboyant style, the Macho Man eventually summoned all the managers to the ring. It was judgment day, and Savage was about to deliver his verdict on signing with a manager. Classy Freddy Blassie was there, along with Jimmy "Mouth of the South" Hart, Johnny V and Bobby "The Brain" Heenan. They were the cream of the crop of the old and new. As the colorful newcomer listed the attributes of each adviser, they looked at each other and muttered, "May the better man win." And they hated one another because they knew deep down that not one of them was the better man.

What they didn't know was that Savage didn't have a man in mind. His choice was Elizabeth, an unknown in the context of wrestling and a beautiful one at that. Radiant and charming, she lit up the building as she walked to the ring. Teenage boys arose from their ringside seats with mouths agape. Women took mental notes of the demure manager's style of makeup and hair, hoping to emulate it and to induce some romantic sparks at home.

Surely, Elizabeth had presence. But did she have longevity? "She's just a pretty face," another manager grumbled at the time. "I understand the attraction, but what other purpose will she be able to serve? She has no experience, no wrestling know-how. Where could she possibly take the Macho Man?"

Today, we know the answer. With Elizabeth's guidance, Savage went from being a

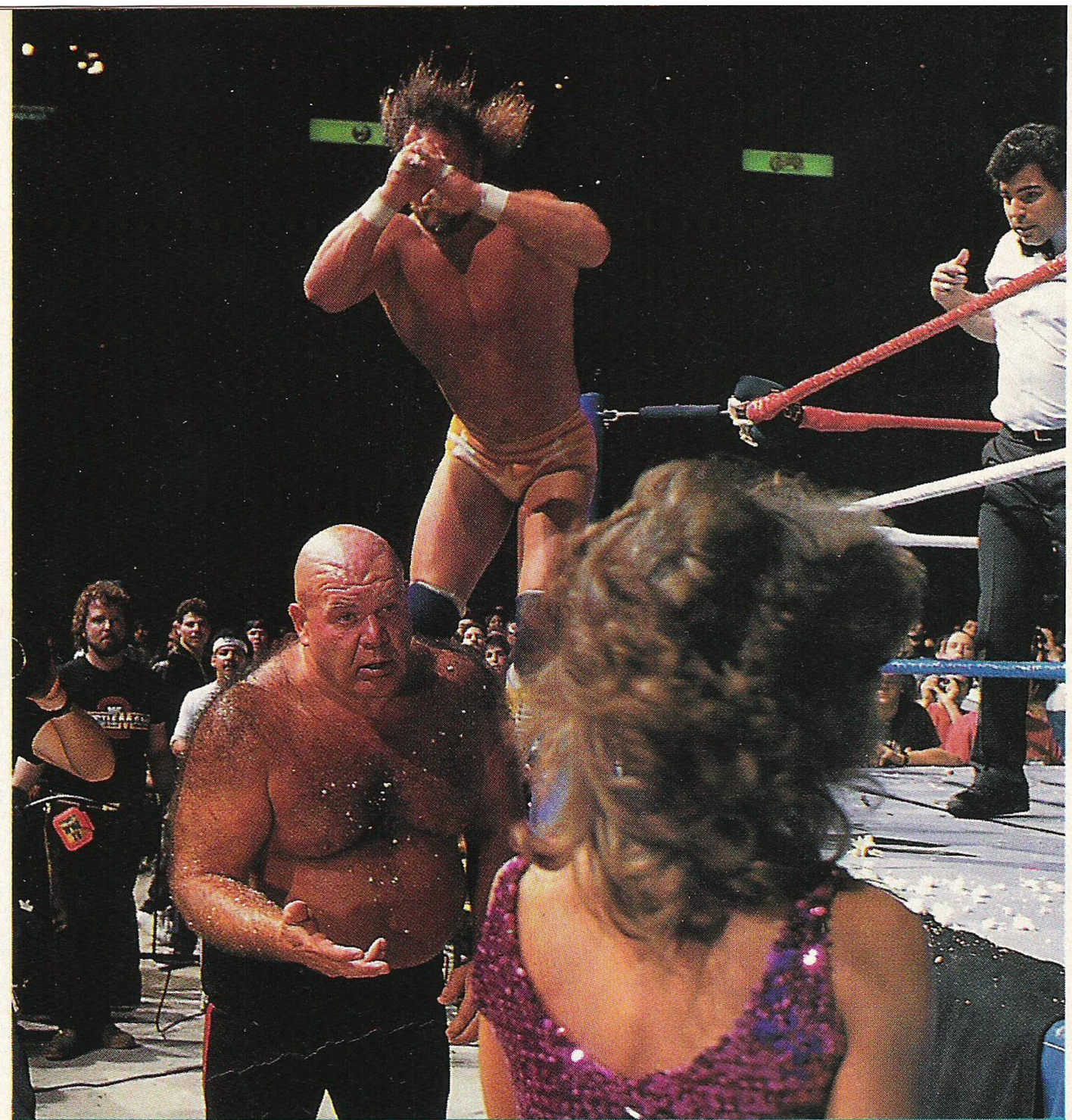
talented athlete to a superstar for the ages. He won the WWF Intercontinental Championship and then, the most prestigious prize of all, the WWF Championship Belt, which he again will vie for against Ric Flair in *WrestleMania VIII* on April 5. When Savage's suspicious streak caused a rift in his relationship with Elizabeth, his career still spiraled. Not one to be idle, she continued her career by managing Hulk Hogan during part of his second title reign. Eventually she rescued Savage from his own destructive nature, successfully lobbying for his reinstatement after he was forced to retire. Then she married him in the ring at New York's Madison Square Garden.

At the very beginning, Elizabeth let the Macho Man unleash his brand of fury without trying to rein it in. She stood by passively at ringside on February 8, 1986, in Boston Garden as Savage used a pair of brass knuckles to defeat Tito Santana for the WWF Intercontinental Title. "I had a lot of mixed emotions that night," Elizabeth says. "Naturally, I was happy that Randy had won the Intercontinental Belt, but I wasn't pleased with the way he did it. I tried to convince him that he had enough ability to wrestle by the rules, but he was very stubborn. Instead of pressing the issue, I figured I'd wait. Once Randy defended the belt successfully a number of times, I hoped he'd gain the confidence to change his attitude."

Elizabeth was well on the way to realizing her goal when one of the strangest events in the history of the World Wrestling Federation occurred. George "The Animal" Steele, a powerful Neanderthal-type wrestler—barely capable of uttering a sentence—experienced a new emotion: love. Unfortunately for everyone involved, the object of Steele's adoration was none other than Elizabeth.

The Animal had become infatuated with the enchanting manager while watching her encourage Savage from ringside. Soon, he was following Elizabeth around arenas, handing her bouquets of flowers and, once, lifting her up and whisking her off to the dressing room.

Savage was gripped by jealousy. Elizabeth's plan to incorporate some structure into the Macho Man's mat game went awry because the Intercontinental titlist—viewing every opponent as a threat to him for Elizabeth's affections—became more vicious than ever.



In the ring and beyond, Macho Man Randy Savage and Elizabeth have remained together through good times and bad. She even risked her own safety more than once.

In one memorable episode, he brutally attacked Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat, nearly crushing his larynx with the timekeeper's bell. Now the primitive Steele sensed he and Steamboat had something in common: an animosity toward Savage. The Animal was in the Dragon's corner during his *WrestleMania III* match with the Macho Man. Near the end of the contest, when Savage again got hold of the treacherous timekeeper's bell and began to mount the turnbuckles, Steele shoved him onto the canvas. Steamboat quickly capitalized on this advantage, tying up Macho Man in a small package and capturing the Intercontinental Championship.

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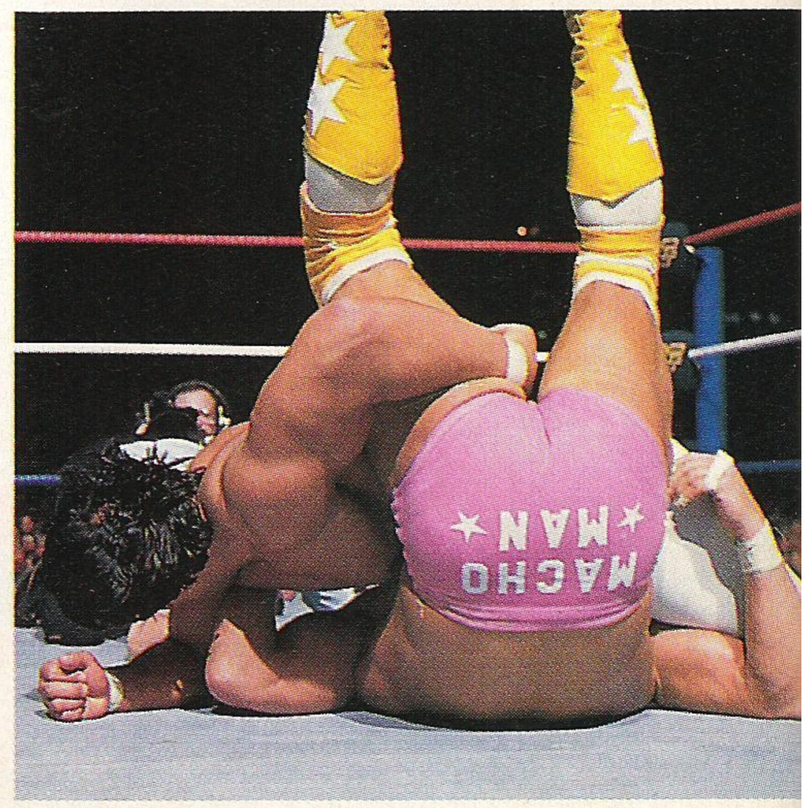
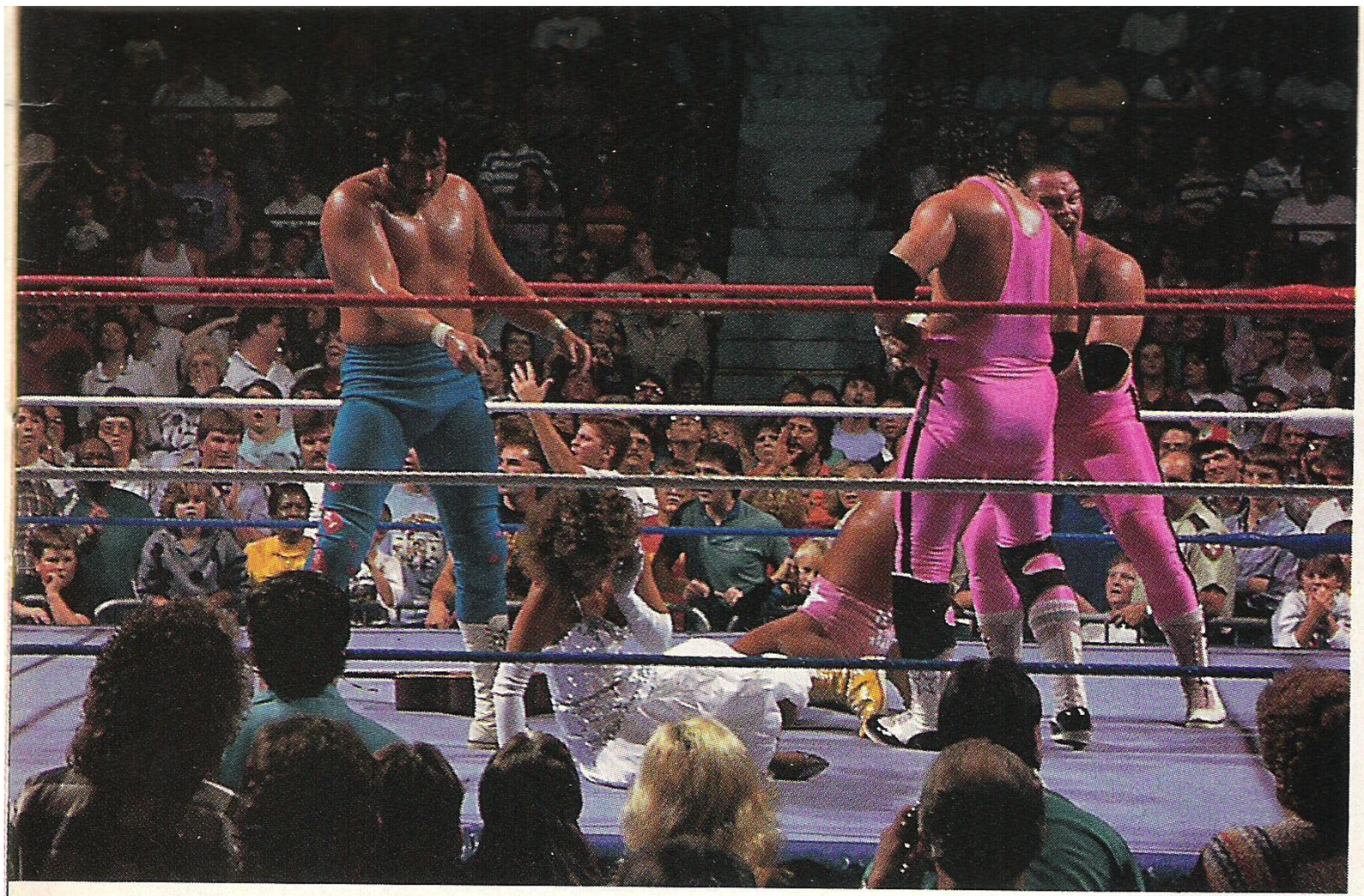
As Savage agonized in the dressing room after the loss, Elizabeth felt that she, too, had fallen short. It had been her goal to mold her unruly charge into a respectable athlete. He had appeared to be





on his way when he won the Intercontinental Belt. But then his paranoia regarding the manager took over, and now they had to start again from the beginning.

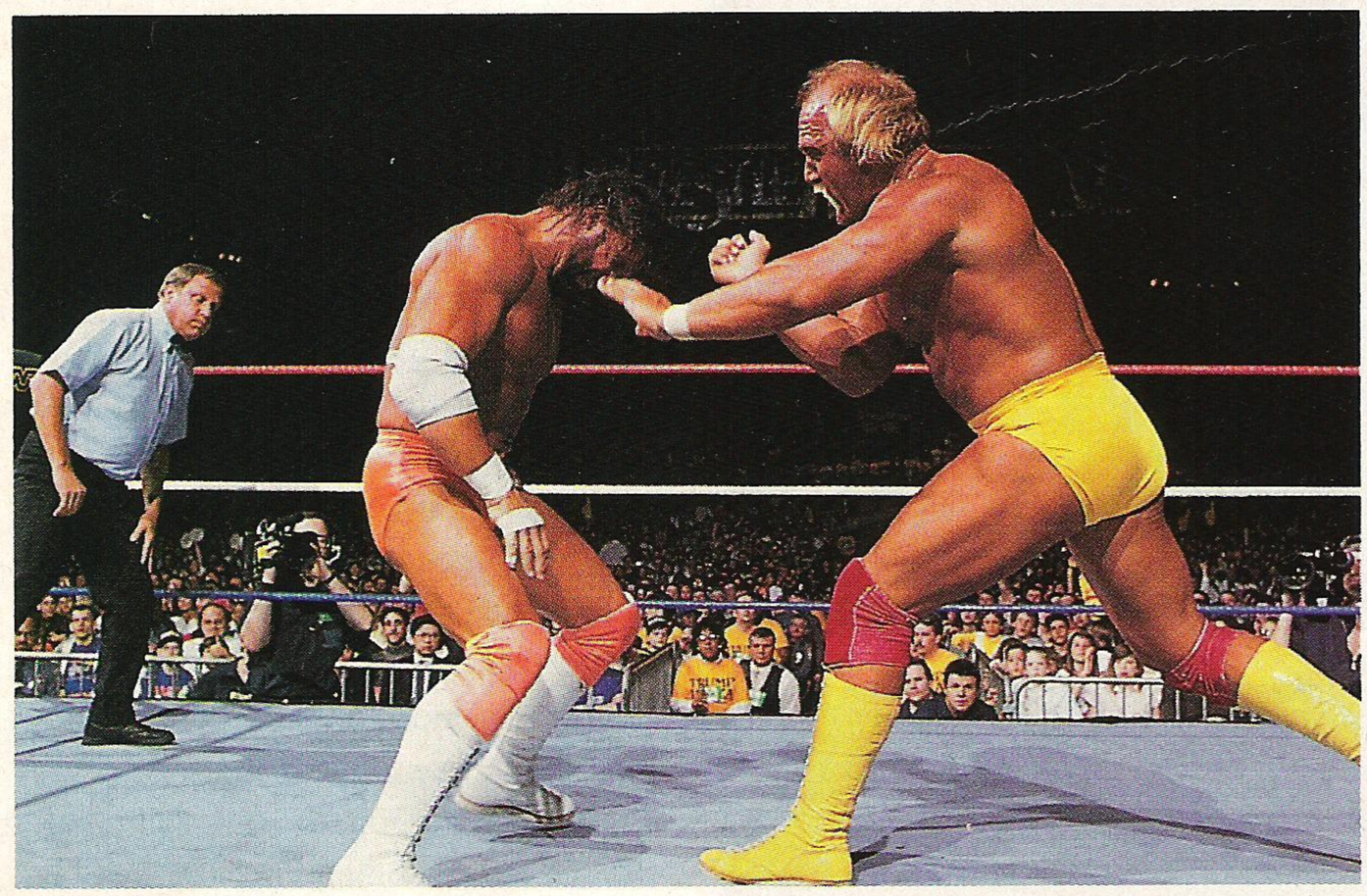
"I've never been a quitter," Elizabeth says. "The word 'commitment' is very sacred to me. I had made a commitment to the Macho Man—to take him to the top of the WWF—and I wasn't about to jump ship. I believe you either learn from your mistakes or wallow in them. I told myself that I was going to take a negative situation and improve on it."

She had some unexpected help from the Honky Tonk Man. The brash Elvis impersonator—who had won the Intercontinental Belt from Steamboat—did not intend to assist the manager's cause. Rather, his aim was to humiliate the Macho Man. But, in his effort to do so, the bad boy from Memphis helped Elizabeth push her protégé to a higher level.

During a network telecast, Honky, manager Jimmy Hart and the Hart Foundation—Bret "Hit Man" Hart and Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart—ganged up on Savage. Hit Man and Anvil held Macho Man in place, while Honky prepared to smash him with a guitar. Elizabeth, standing at ringside, was helpless. Taking her relationship with Savage to a plateau far above manager and wrestler, she climbed into the ring and attempted to shield her future husband with her own body. Honky responded to her actions by shoving Elizabeth onto the mat.

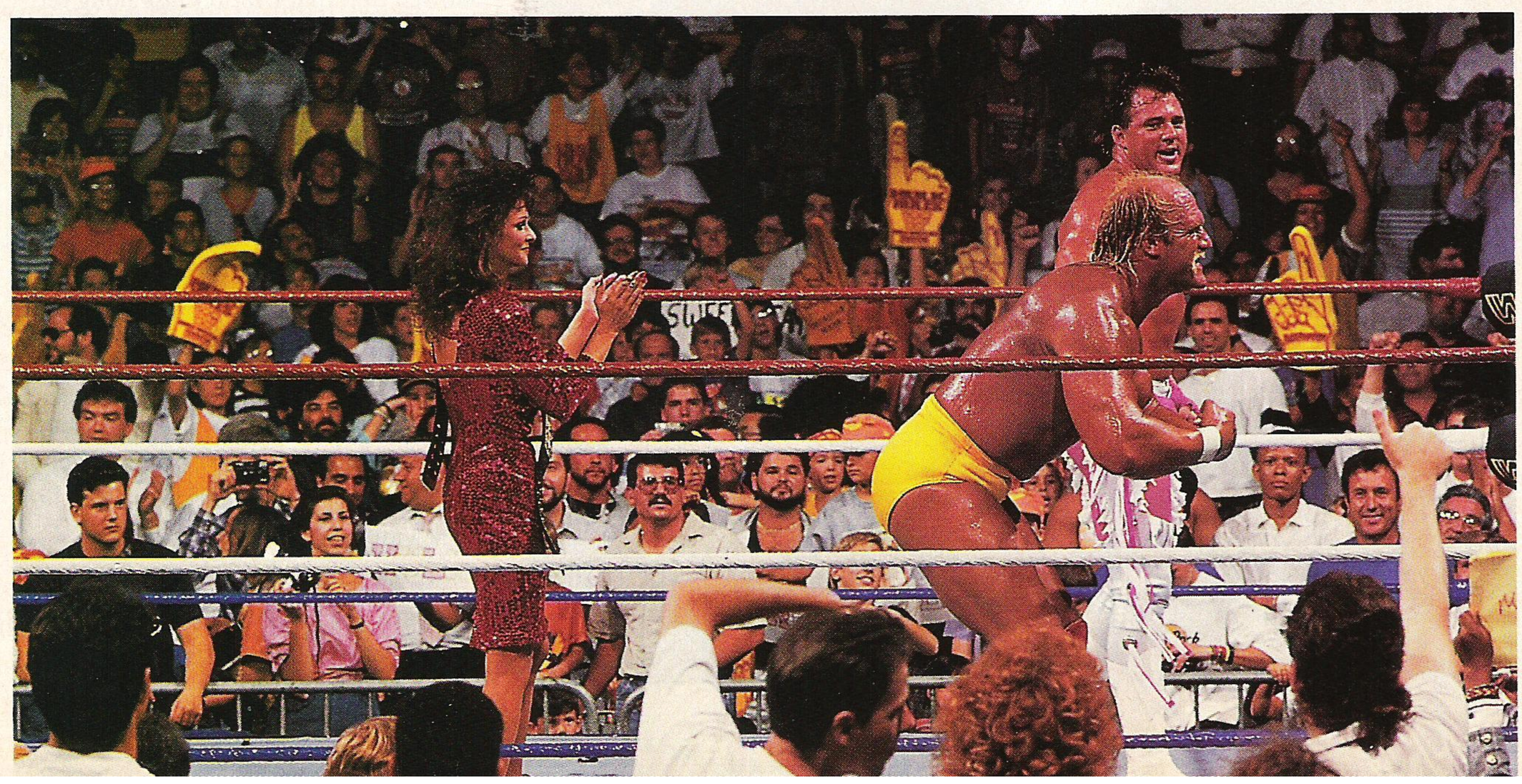
"When I got into the ring that night, it showed Randy something," she says. "It showed him that I wasn't just along for the good times, but that I was devoted to him over the long run. As jealous as Randy got at any time after that, he could never deny that I was willing to risk physical injury for him."

After Elizabeth was pushed to the ground, she got up and went into the dressing room, desperately searching for somebody big enough to rescue Savage. She returned to the ring with Hulk Hogan, who had wrestled Savage numerous times in the past. While respectful of Macho Man's mat skills, Hogan had little regard for the former Intercontinental champ's methods between the ropes. Elizabeth was another story. The Hulkster considered her to be sincere and classy.



Impressed by her loyalty, courage and dedication, he entered the squared circle to defend Savage.

Shortly thereafter, the Macho Man and Hulkster created the Mega-Powers, a seemingly unbeatable tag team managed by Elizabeth. Long impressed by Hogan's positive-living messages to children and his overall relationship with his Hulkamaniacs, Elizabeth was happy to see his influence rub off on Savage. In 1988, when a tournament was declared to determine a new WWF Champion at *WrestleMania IV*, the Hulkster proved to be a loyal partner, backing up Macho Man in his triumph over Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase in the decisive final match.



Elizabeth was proud when Randy captured the WWF Title at *WrestleMania IV* but feared for him when he met Hulk in 1989. Following *WrestleMania V*, Savage hired Sensational Sherri as his manager.

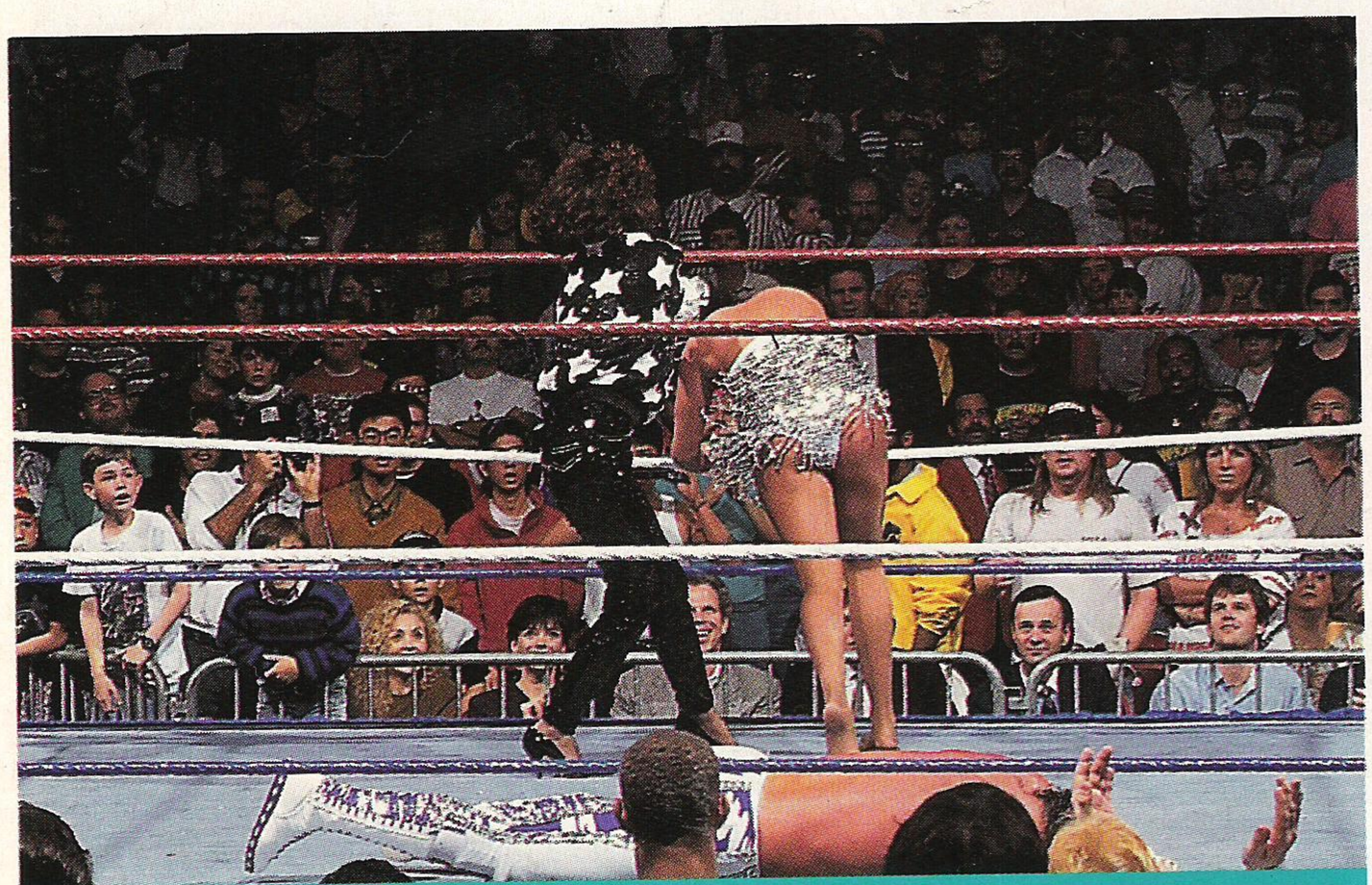
"Having the WWF Championship in Randy's possession meant a lot to me," Elizabeth says. "It wasn't so much that he was the top man in the WWF as it was the fact that we had come to that point as a team. We had worked together, we had won it all, and now it seemed that nothing in the whole world could stop us."

"...I was willing to risk physical injury for him."

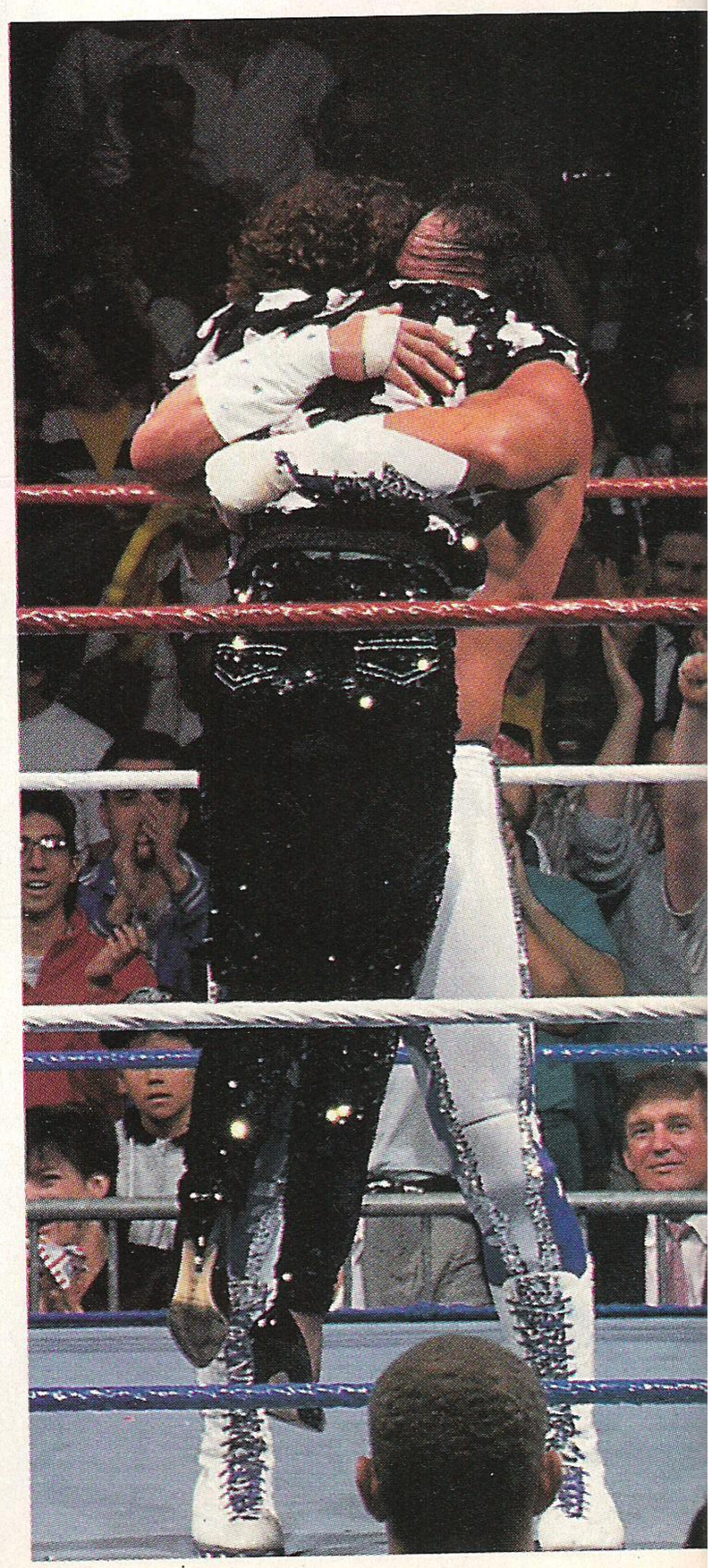
But Elizabeth had miscalculated. Once again, Savage's jealous nature disrupted the flow of their relationship. This time, the subject of Macho Man's ire was the Hulkster himself; Savage was convinced that Elizabeth was paying too much attention to him. Boiling over with distrust, Savage attacked Hogan in the dressing room after a match. When Elizabeth attempted to intervene, Macho Man flung her across the room.

Now a new side of Elizabeth surfaced: an angry Elizabeth. While her feelings for Macho Man would never fade, she was angered that he had mistreated her after she had made so many sacrifices for him. At *WrestleMania V*, she was in the Hulkster's corner as he beat Savage for the WWF Championship. While she hoped that the defeat would serve as a lesson to Macho Man, he only became more bitter and picked Sensational Sherri as his new manager. So Elizabeth continued to support his opponents, hoping that the Macho Man would break at some point and see the error of his ways.

It took a while. Elizabeth was in the corner of Hogan and partner Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake when they vanquished Savage and Zeus at *SummerSlam '89*. At *WrestleMania VI*, she accompanied Dusty Rhodes and Sapphire to the ring for their special mixed match against Macho Man and Sherri—who by this time had arrogantly christened themselves Macho King and Sensational Queen Sherri. In the course of the match, when Sherri was



The Macho Man and Elizabeth reunited after he lost a special career match to former athlete the Ultimate Warrior at *WrestleMania VII* in 1991.



hurled to ringside, a resolute Elizabeth tossed her back into the ring. Furious, Sherri reached through the ropes toward Elizabeth, but Elizabeth simply pushed her over a kneeling Sapphire, who then covered her nemesis for the victory.

Still, the bullheaded Savage showed no signs of regret, but Elizabeth refused to give up hope. Sometimes it was too painful for her to come to the arena, but she was around for all the important matches, waiting for some sign that Macho Man was ready to change his ways and reconcile with her.

As virtually every wrestling fan recalls, the long-awaited reunion came when Savage was at his lowest point, having just lost a "loser must retire" match at *WrestleMania VII*. Enraged that her meal ticket could no longer climb into the ring and earn his money, Sherri began to kick the barely conscious Macho Man—until Elizabeth raced down the aisle and pummeled Sherri until she was forced to scurry

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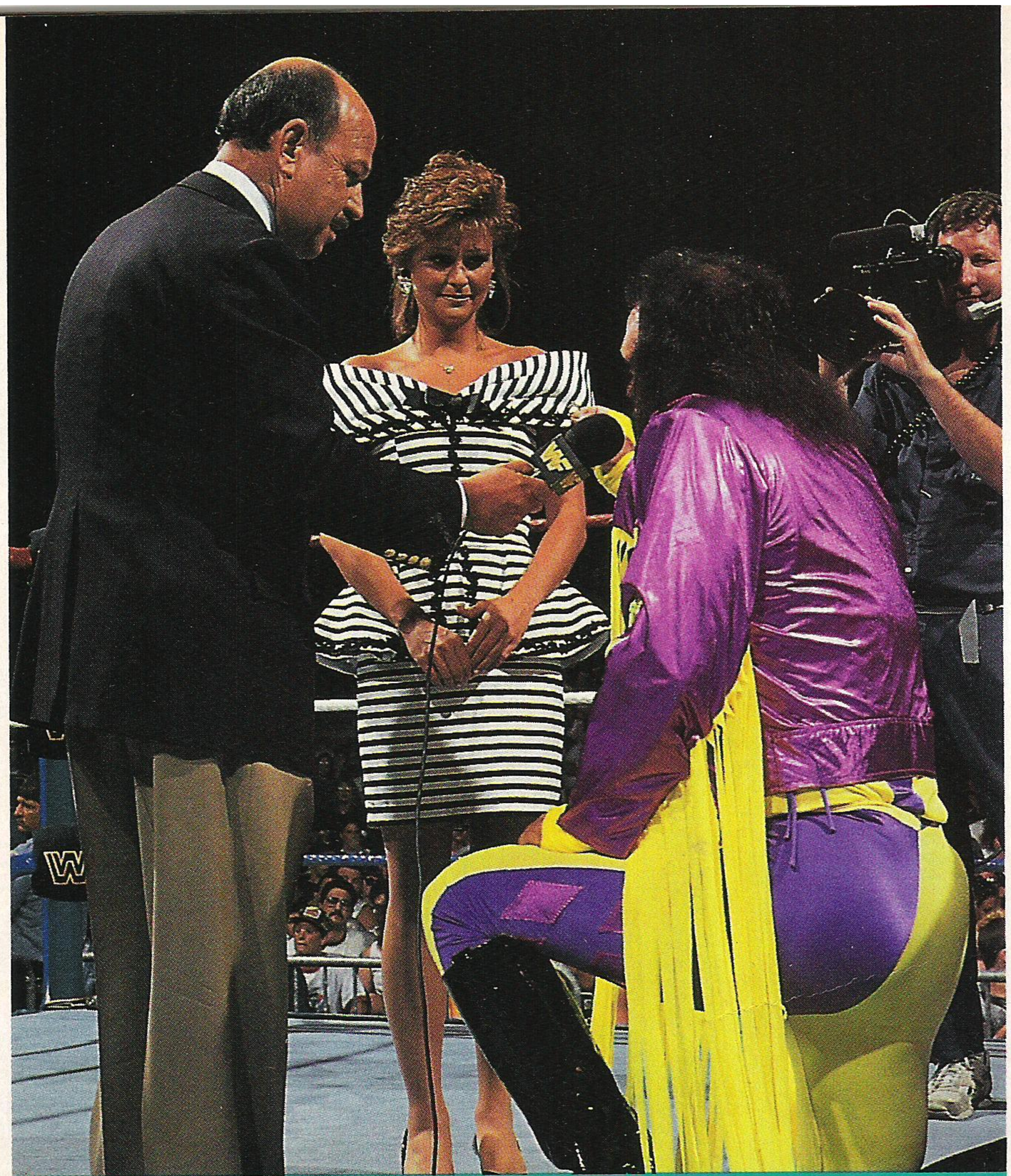


Savage and Elizabeth were married at *SummerSlam '91* before an international audience. However, Jake the Snake tried his best to make their marriage miserable.

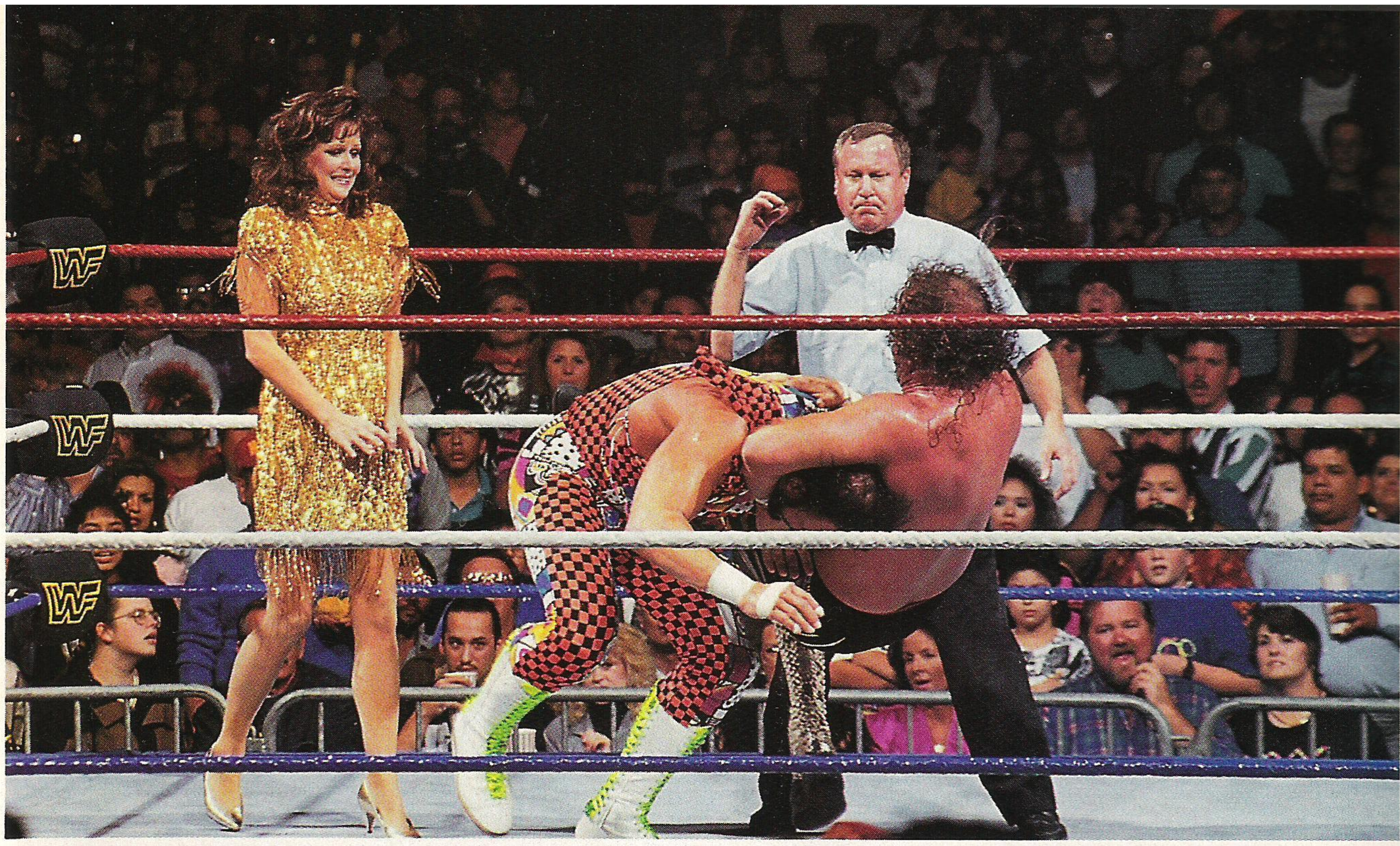
back to the dressing room for safety.

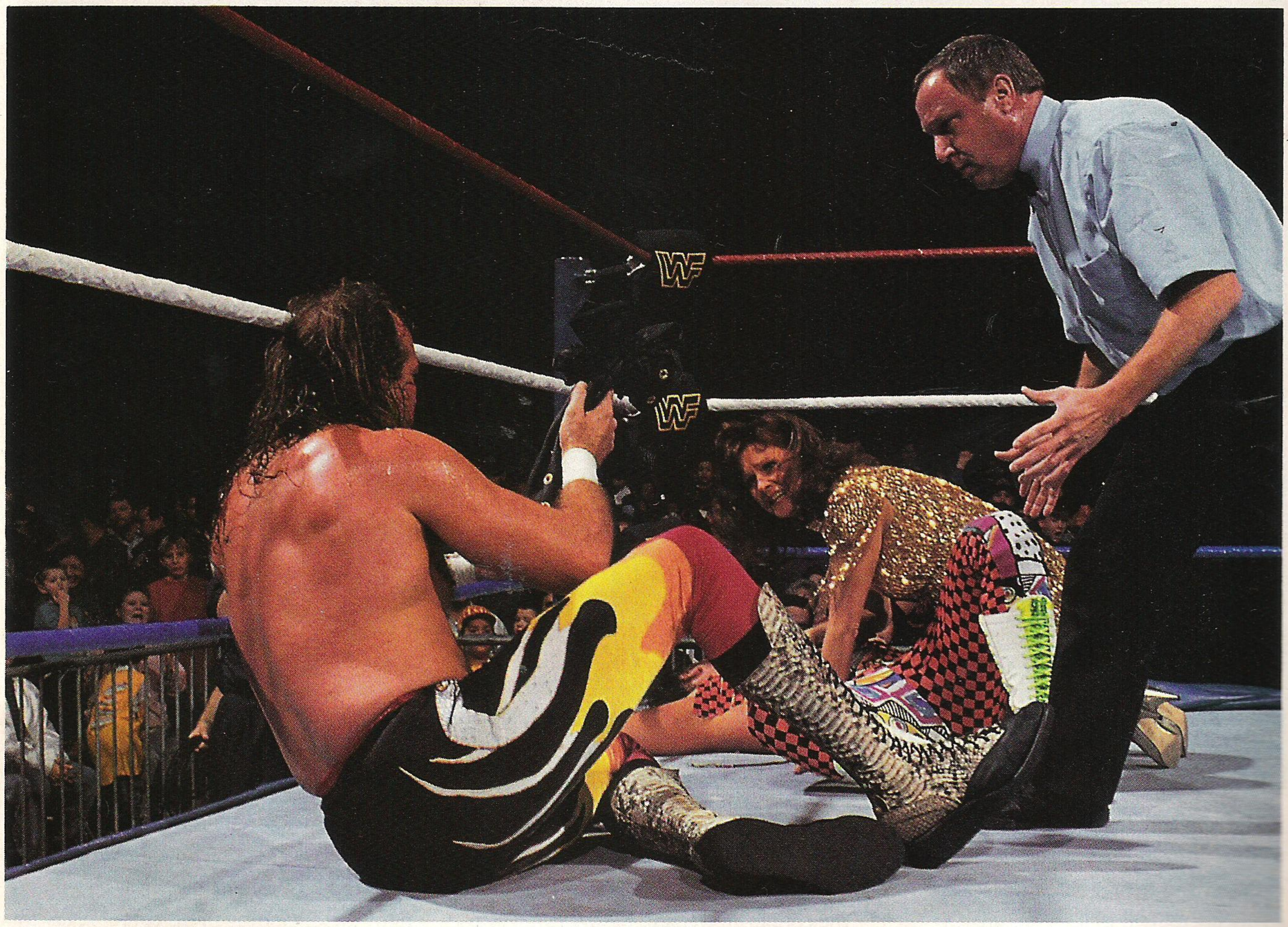
Finally, the "First Lady of Wrestling" had reached the Macho Man. Having internalized so much for the last two years, her personality took on another dimension. Now in interviews the previously reticent Elizabeth was open about her feelings. She admitted that she loved Savage, fueling him with the necessary self-assurance to ask her to marry him on a broad-

"Randy and I were never going to be apart again."

cast of *WWF Superstars of Wrestling.*

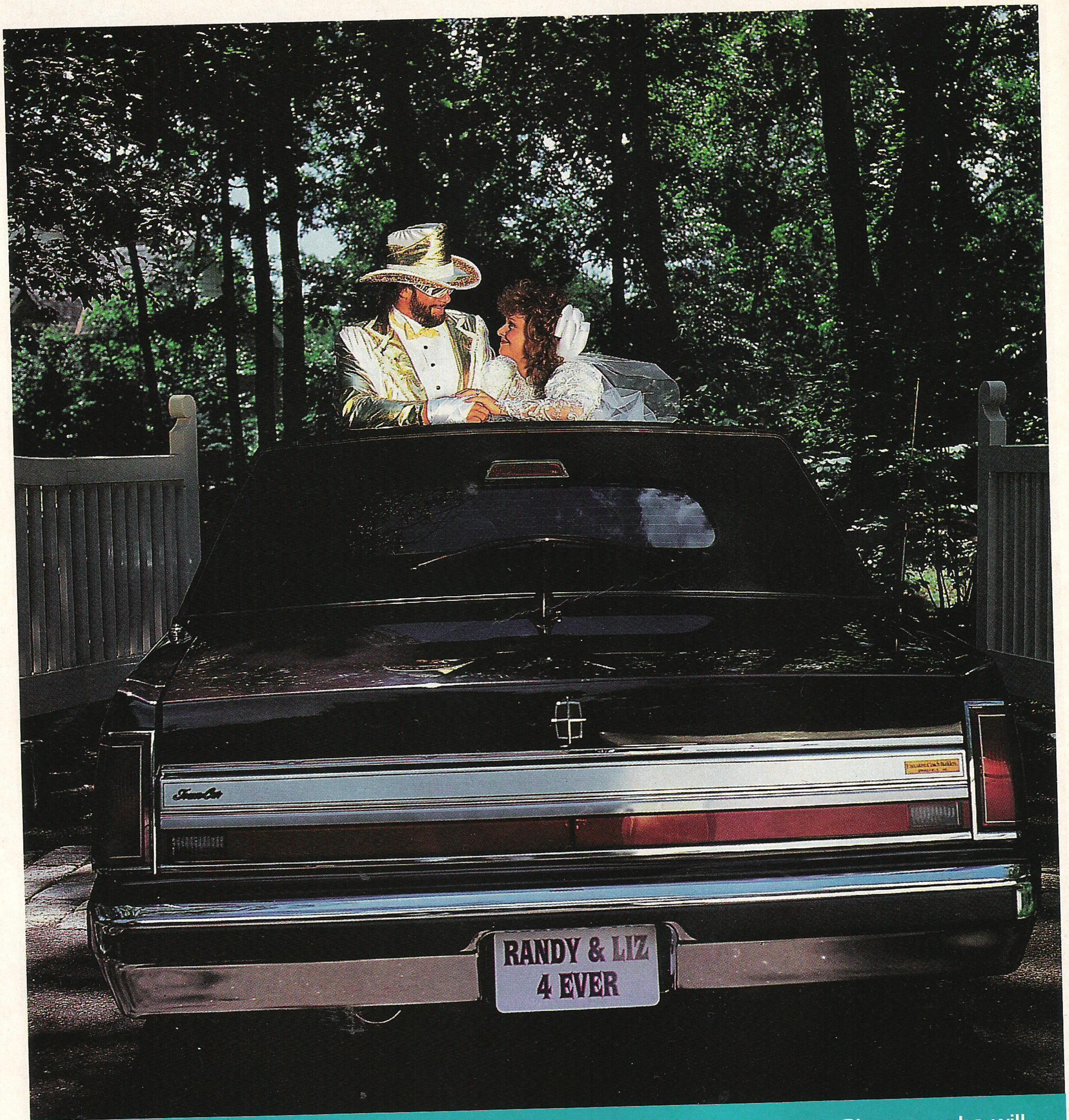
Their wedding was the highlight of *SummerSlam '91* and the high point of Elizabeth's life. "Now, everything was complete," she says. "Randy and I were never going to be apart again. For the rest of our lives, he would be there for me, and





I would be there for him."

Jake "The Snake" Roberts would quickly test the bride's dedication. While Elizabeth worked behind the scenes to obtain Savage's reinstatement in the WWF, Jake did all he could to disrupt the newlyweds' lives. He shocked Elizabeth by delivering a gift-wrapped snake to her at the wedding reception and attacked Savage with a cobra on television. After Macho Man defeated him in his first match back after his reinstatement as an active wrestler, Roberts did the most damage. The event was the *Tuesday in Texas* pay-per-view spectacular. Savage won with the flying elbow, but then Roberts disabled him with the DDT after the bell. Concerned about her husband, Elizabeth ran



Through thick and thin, Elizabeth says she will always stand by her man. She says she will support him when he's feeling depressed and share his happiness when he's feeling elated. Elizabeth and Randy: a real match made in heaven.

to the ring and begged Jake to stop the torture. Instead, Roberts taunted the manager and then—when Elizabeth staunchly refused to leave her man's side—viciously struck her.

"Randy was totally distraught," Elizabeth remembers. "He felt as if he had let me down, that he hadn't been able to protect me. But I told him that I still thought he was the greatest—and that, if I ever saw him in danger again, I would do the same thing all over again."

The conversation seemed to strengthen the couple's covenant. Savage came into his subsequent encounters with Roberts charged with a new energy. Unlike his grudge matches of times past, Macho Man was more focused—following the positive-thinking philosophy Elizabeth had labored long to teach him—and, therefore, was more productive.

And so it has gone for Elizabeth and the Macho Man. She has always been right there standing in his corner ready to support him in all his endeavors, even during those unhappy times when he didn't know it. These days, Randy is well aware of her love and support, for sure, and every day the Macho Man thanks his lucky stars for Elizabeth.

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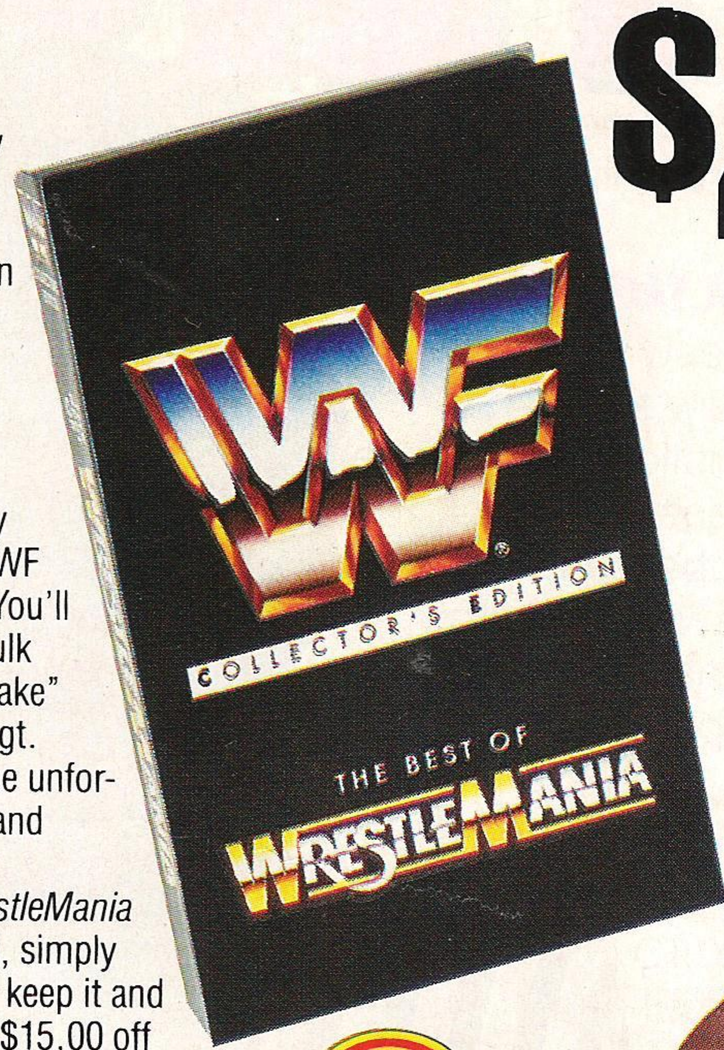

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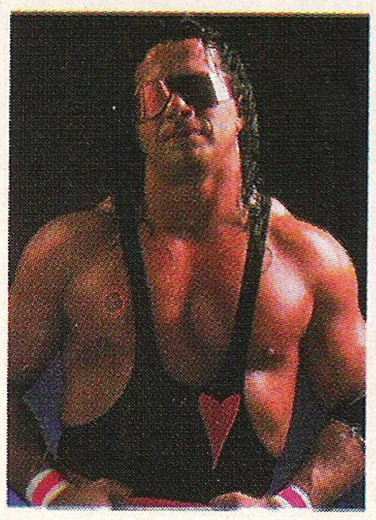

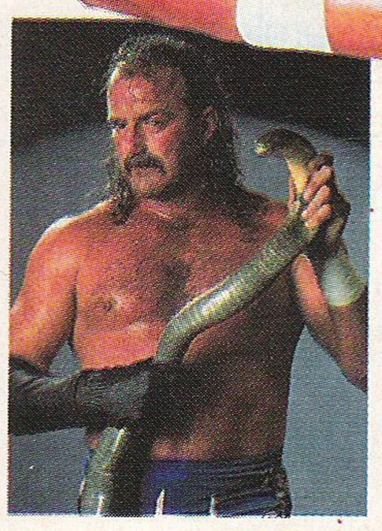

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TRIVIA QUIZ

BY LARRY HUMBER

I think you know all there is to know about Elizabeth? Find out by taking the Liz Trivia Quiz.

There are five categories of questions, followed by a special *Tough Stuff* section. The first five categories are for your entertainment only. There are five questions in each of those five categories, for a grand total of 25 questions.

Award yourself a point for every correct answer. Anything over 20 would certainly impress Elizabeth; over 15, not bad.

The final category, *Tough Stuff*, will really have you scratching your head. That's why we're asking our readers to please send in their answers to those five particular questions.

The correct answers will be published in the next issue of *WWF Wrestling Spotlight*, along with the names of the first five readers who come up with all the correct answers. They'll receive a free membership to the WWF Fan Club.

ALWAYS THE LADY

1 Elizabeth is often called the WWF's what?
2 She is originally from what state?
3 Where does she now reside (with husband Macho Man Randy Savage)?
4 At what WWF extravaganza did Liz tie the knot?
5 She says she'll stay with Savage till when?

CENTER STAGE

6 At what *WrestleMania* did Liz and Randy make their debut?
7 What tricky manager menaced Elizabeth at *WrestleMania IV*, prompting the referee to order her away from the ring area?
8 Elizabeth was no longer with Savage at *WrestleMania V*. Whom was she then managing?
9 Liz put in a special appearance at *WrestleMania VI*, helping in the defeat of the WWF's self-proclaimed queen. Who was that?
10 Liz came to whose rescue at *WrestleMania VII?*

BEHIND THE BEAUTY

11 Liz enjoys many kinds of music and particularly likes to relax while playing what musical instrument?
12 She pursues another of her hobbies in her back yard. What's that?
13 An athlete herself, Liz competed in what kind of shows as a young girl?
14 Elizabeth still works out and says you should do what before starting to exercise (or "you could hurt yourself")?
15 Liz frequently works with weights but prefers light ones. Why's that?

ON BENDED KNEE

16 True or false: Randy proposed to Liz before a national television audience.
17 The Macho Man at first hesitated to propose. Why was that?
18 How did Liz respond to his proposal?
19 Uncharacteristically, Savage began to do what when she accepted his offer of marriage (as did Elizabeth)?
20 Their union was billed as what?

THE BIG DAY AND THE AFTERMATH

21 What was Liz's wedding date?
22 Where was the reception held?
23 Who offered a champagne toast to Randy and Liz at the reception?
24 One wedding gift caused the newlyweds much grief. What was it?
25 Who came to the aid of the newlyweds, preventing a bad situation from getting worse?

TOUGH STUFF

(Send answers to *WWF Magazine*, P.O. Box 3859, Stamford, CT 06902. Postcards *only*, please.)
a) When Elizabeth first teamed up with the Macho Man, she promised she'd take him to what heights (and she was proved right)?
b) Liz appeared alone on the cover of *WWF Magazine* on the eve of *WrestleMania V*. Can you give the month and year of that issue?
c) Who once claimed to love Liz "like a sister"?
d) In what month in 1991 did Randy propose to Elizabeth?
e) Where was Liz's wedding dress tailored?

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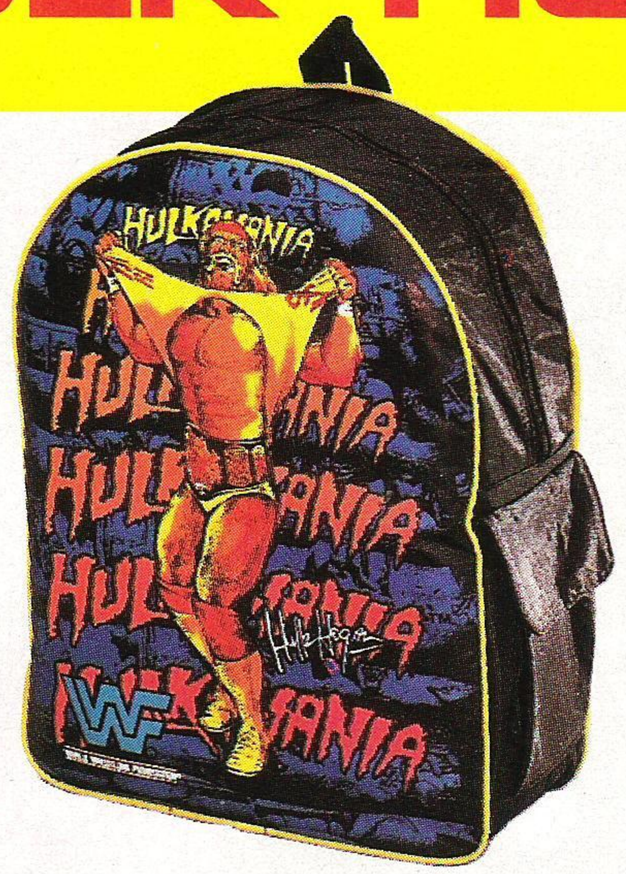

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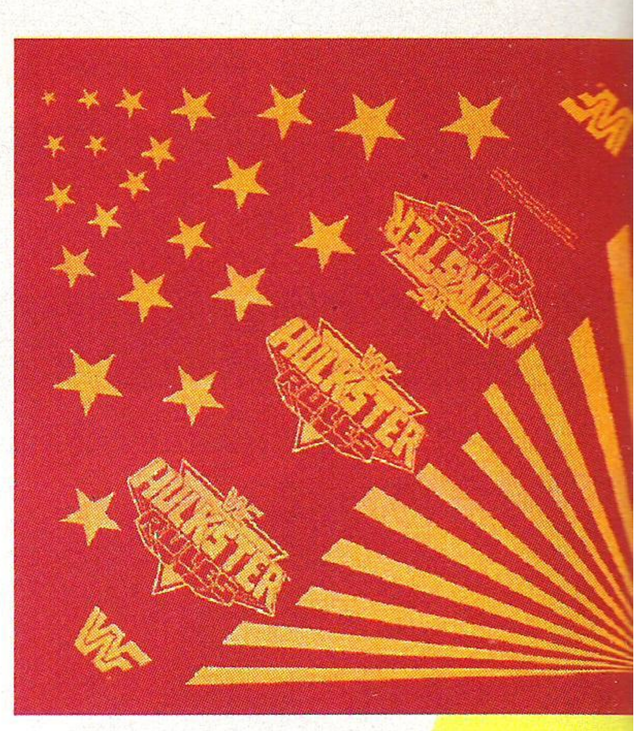

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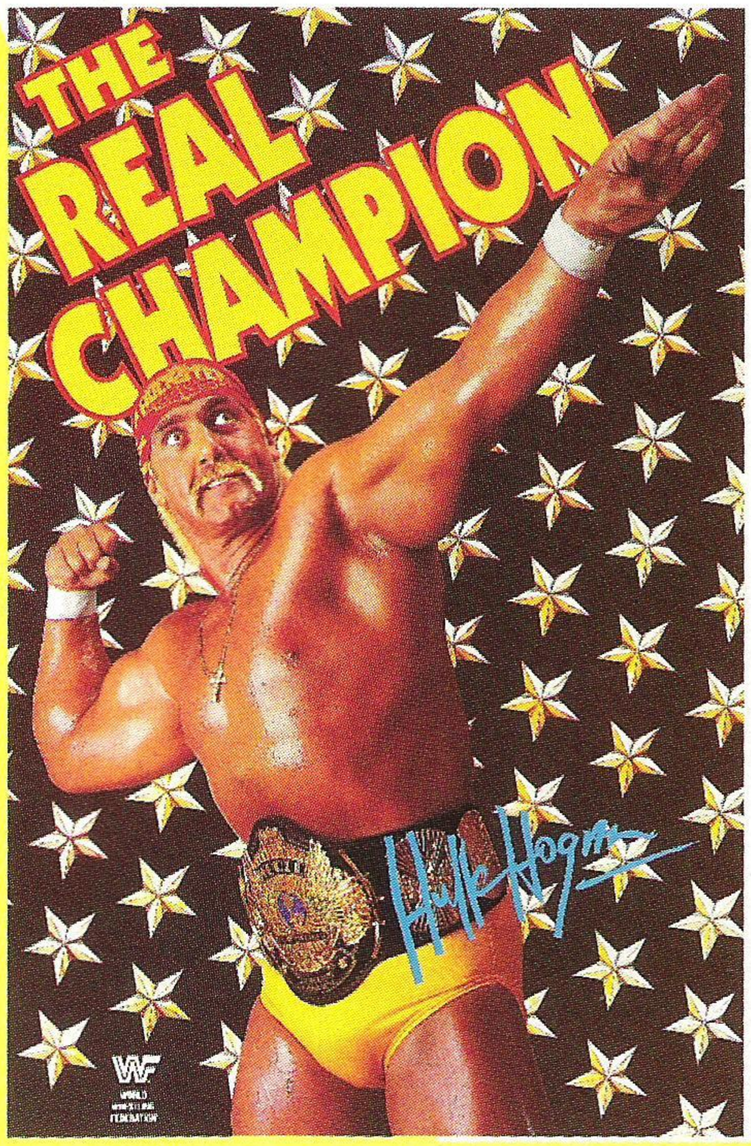

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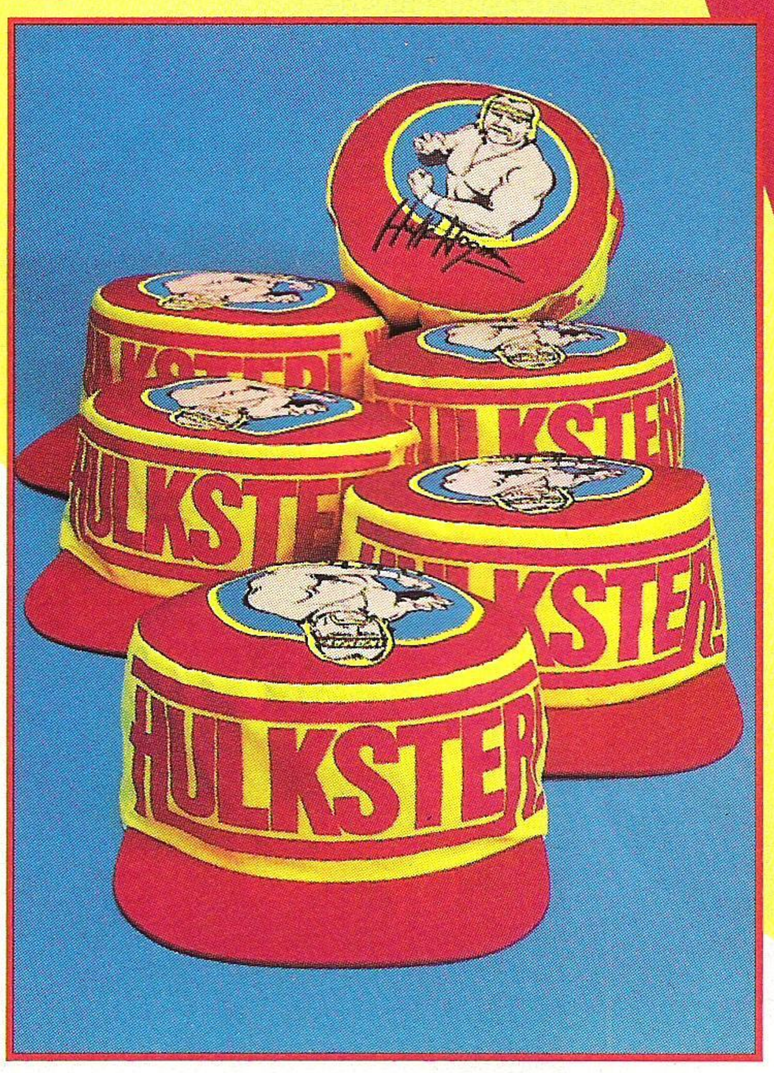

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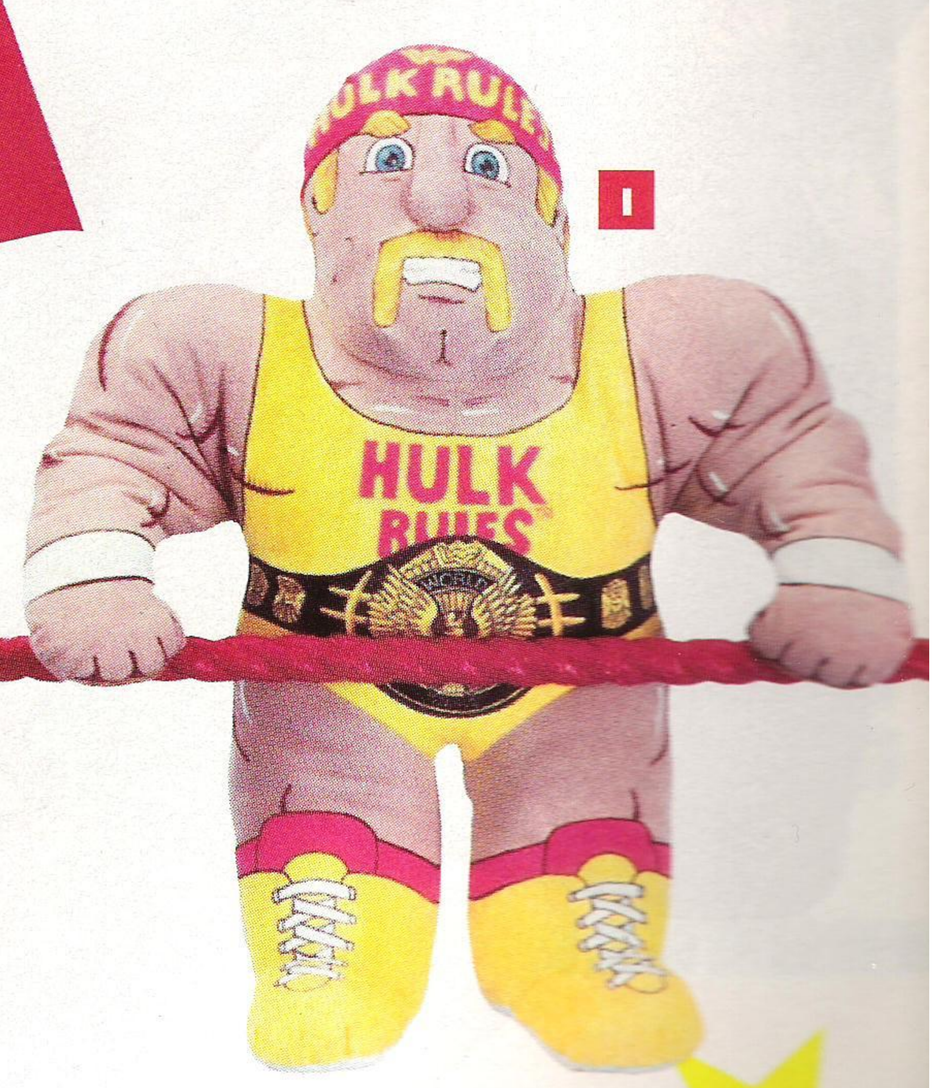

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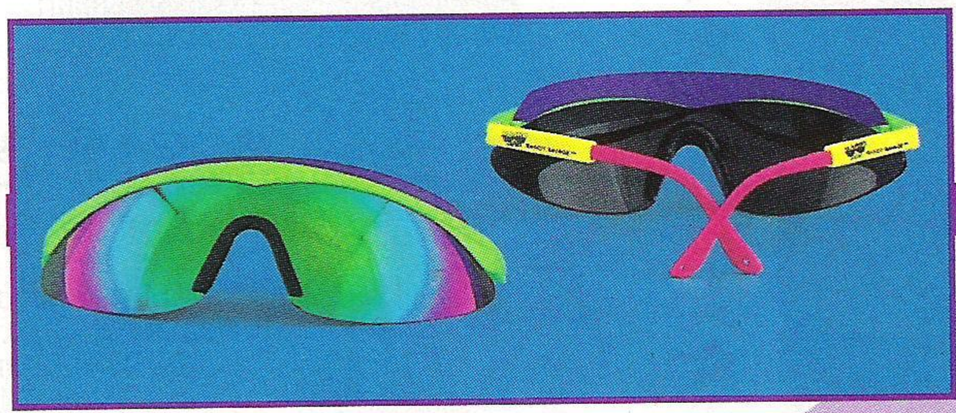

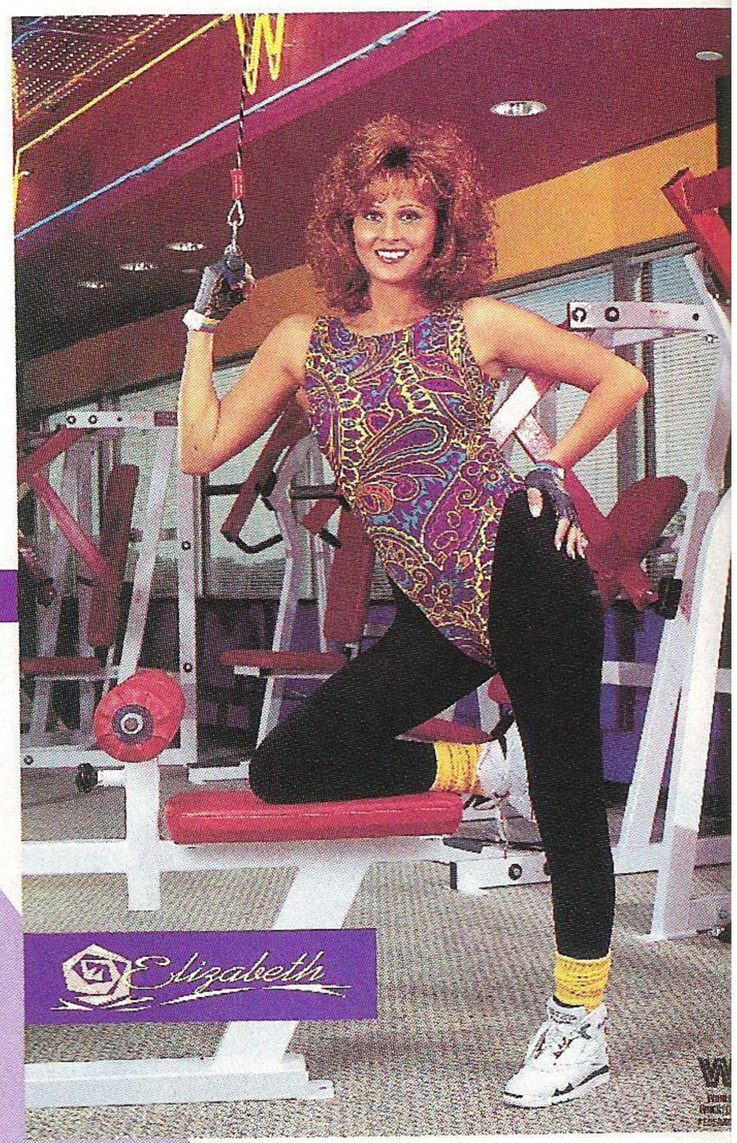

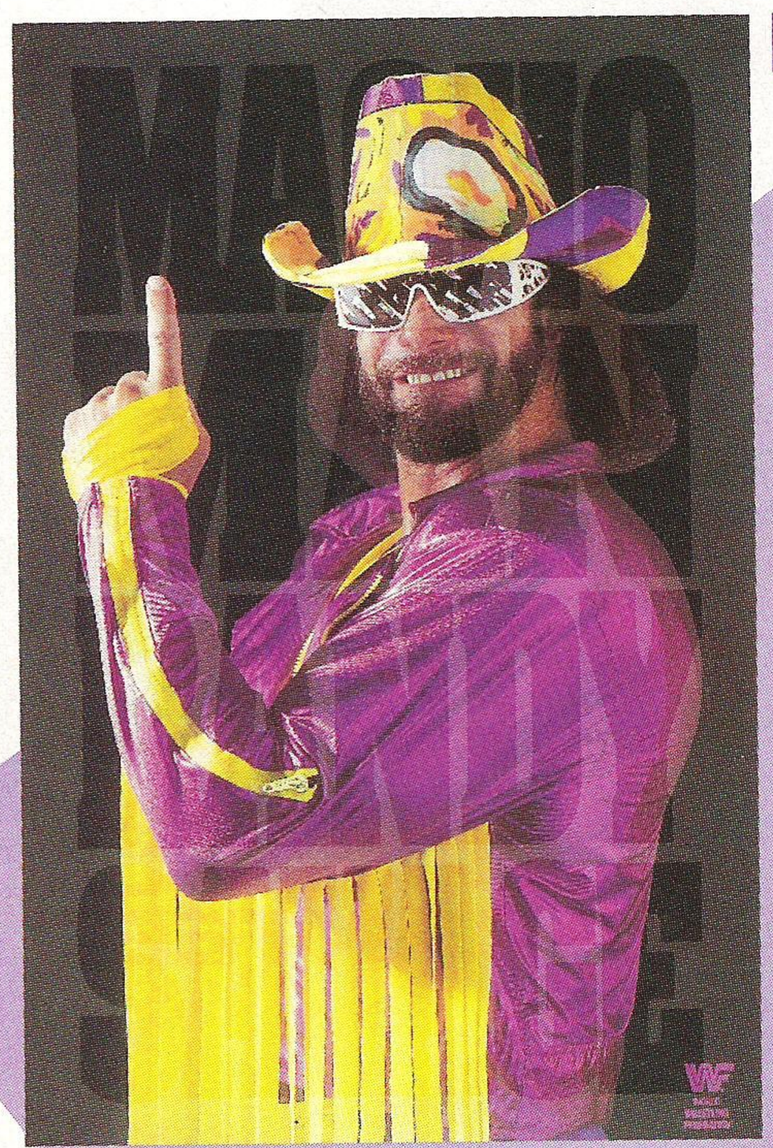

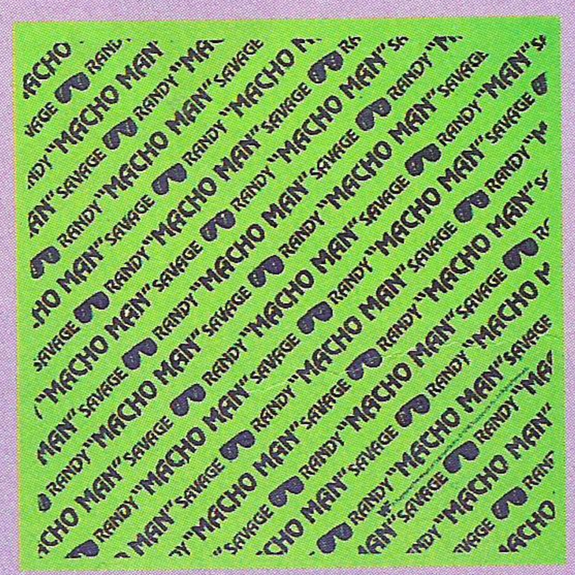

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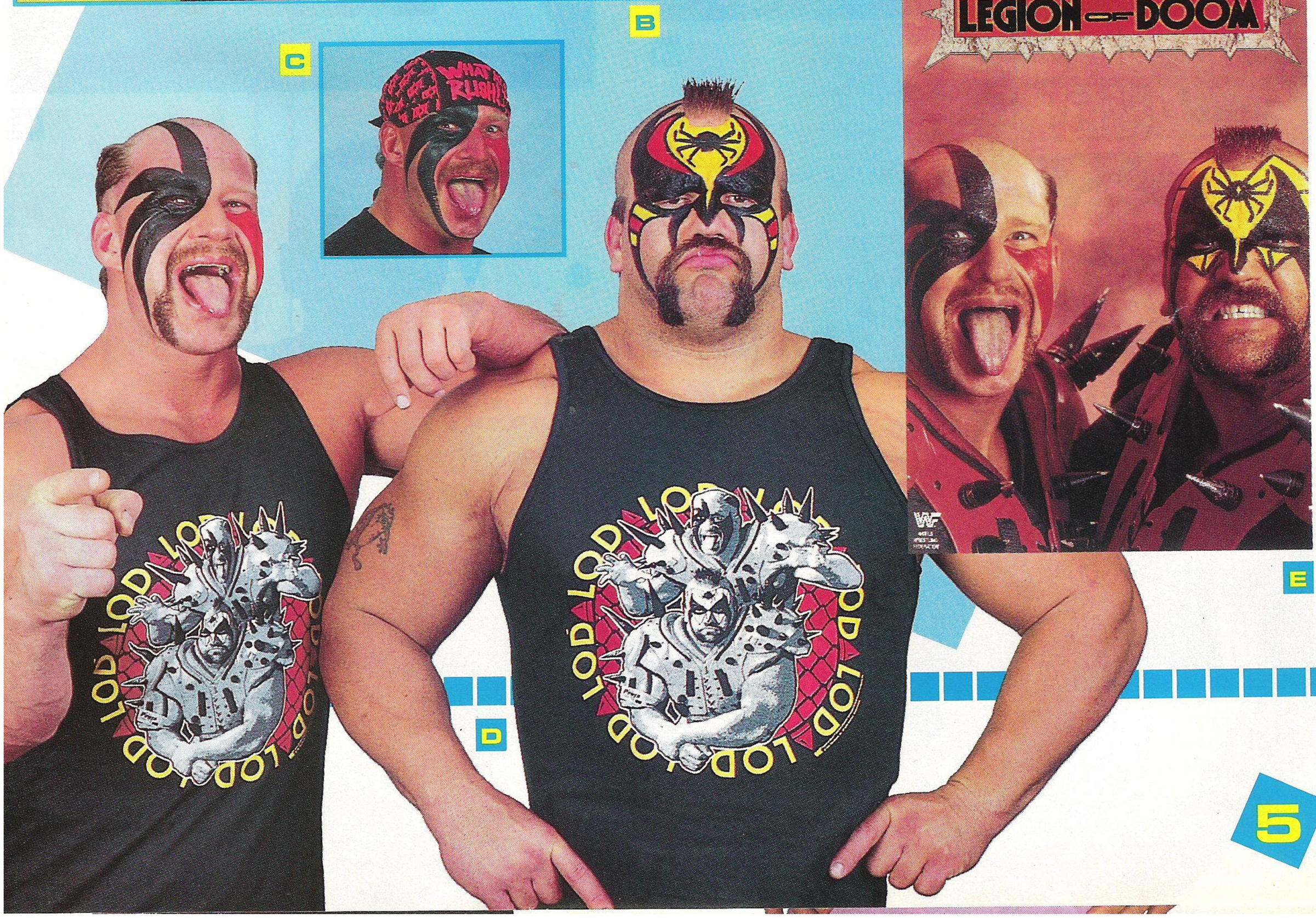

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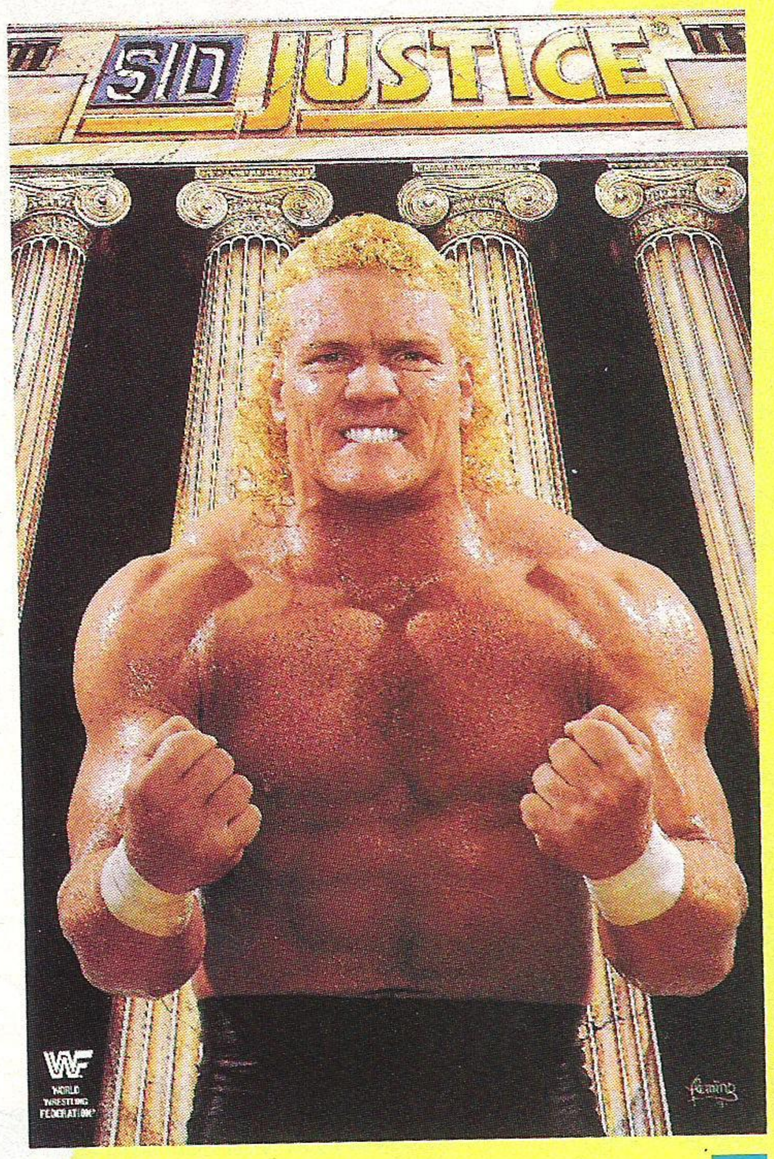

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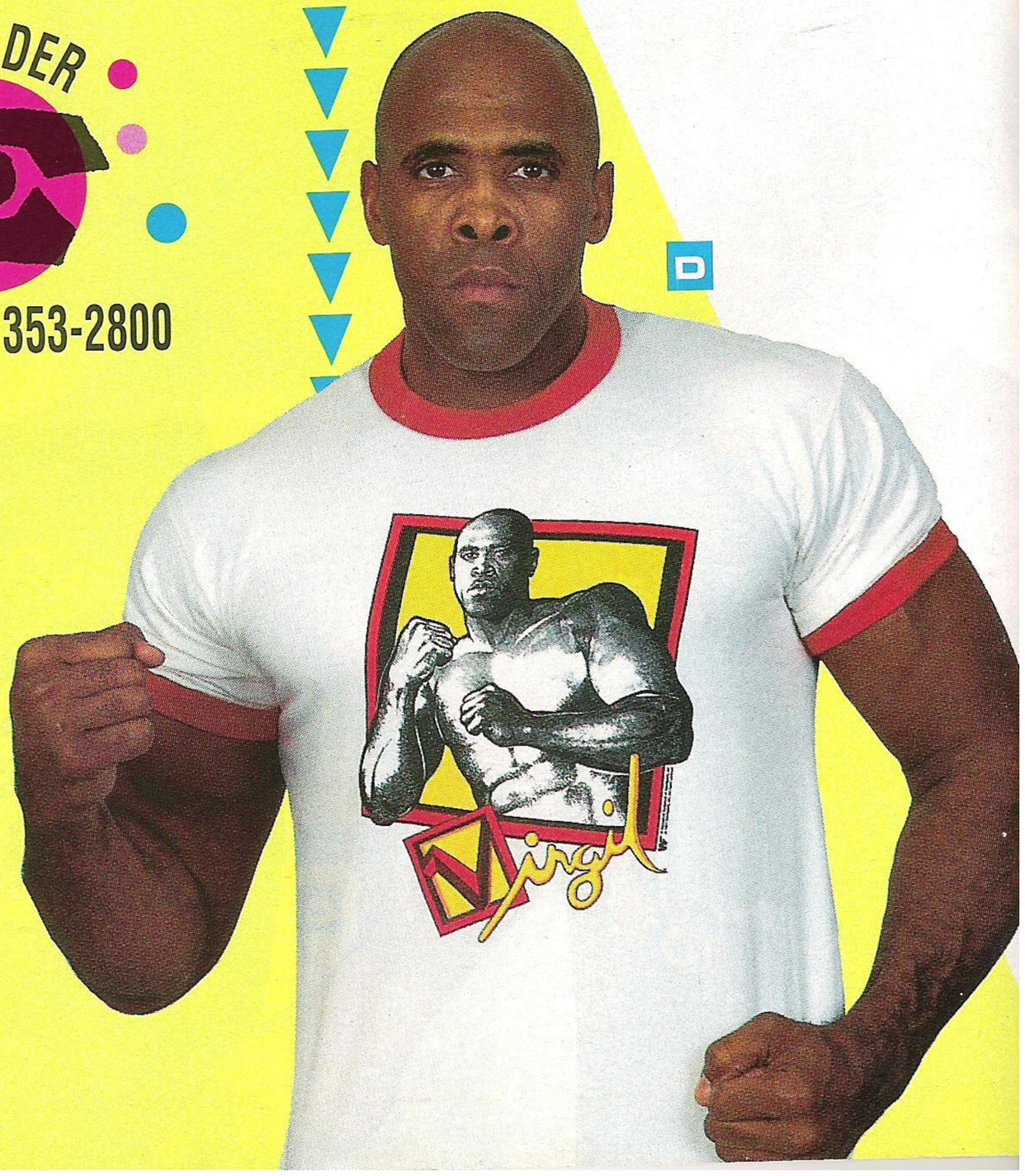

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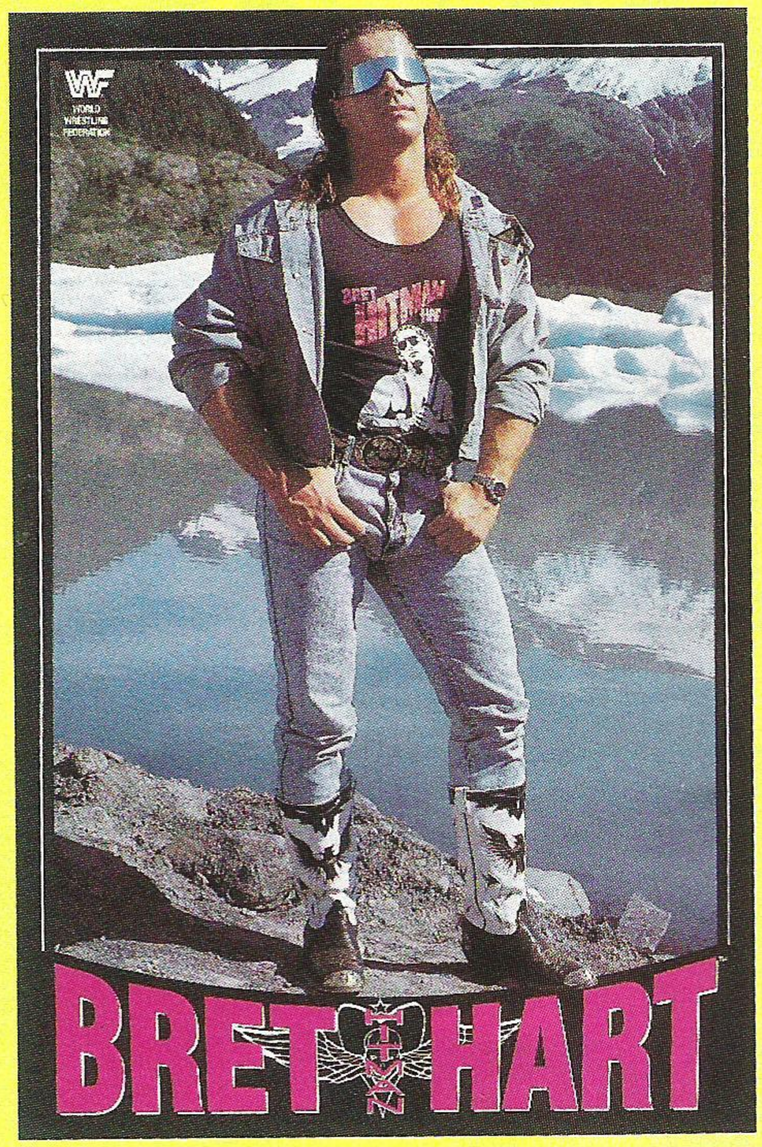

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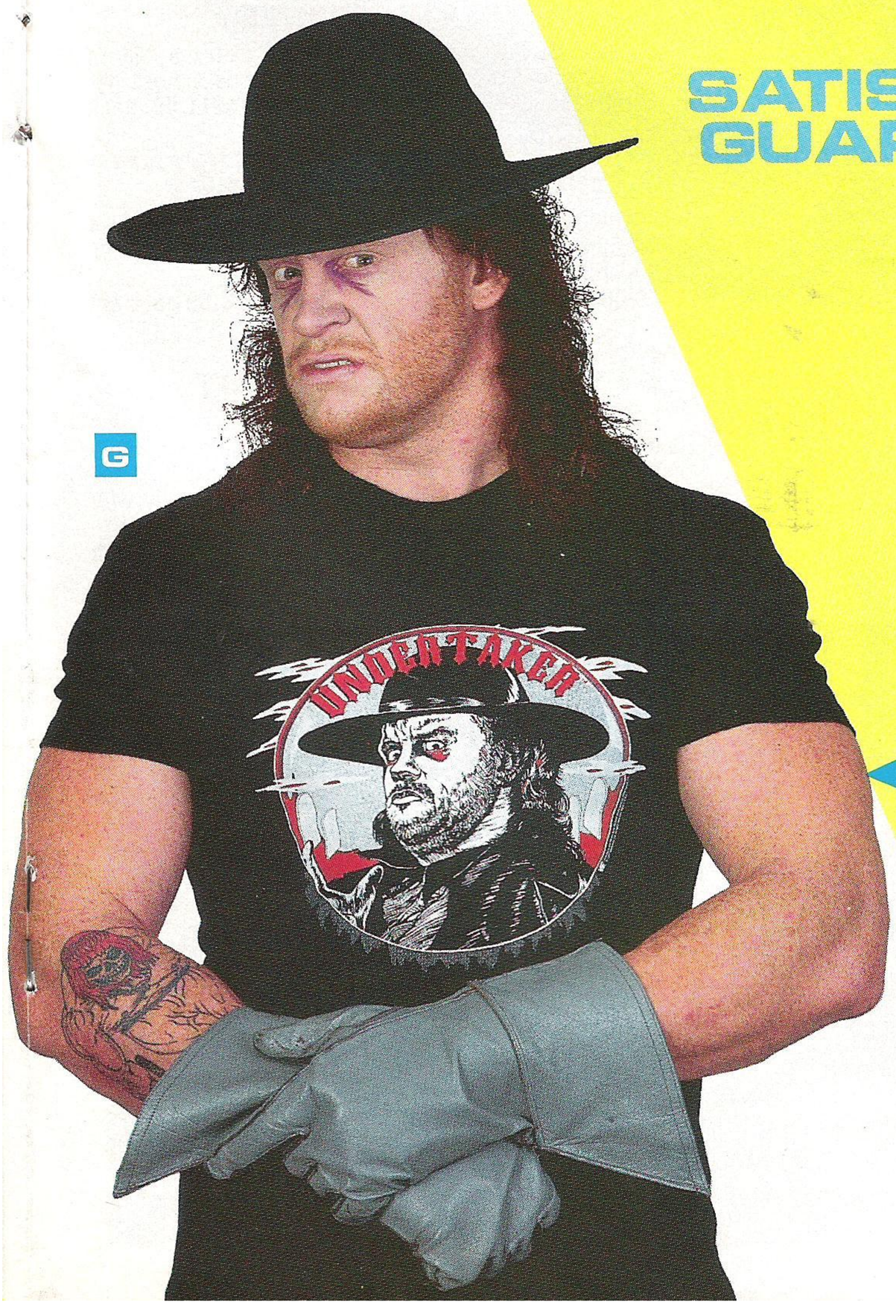

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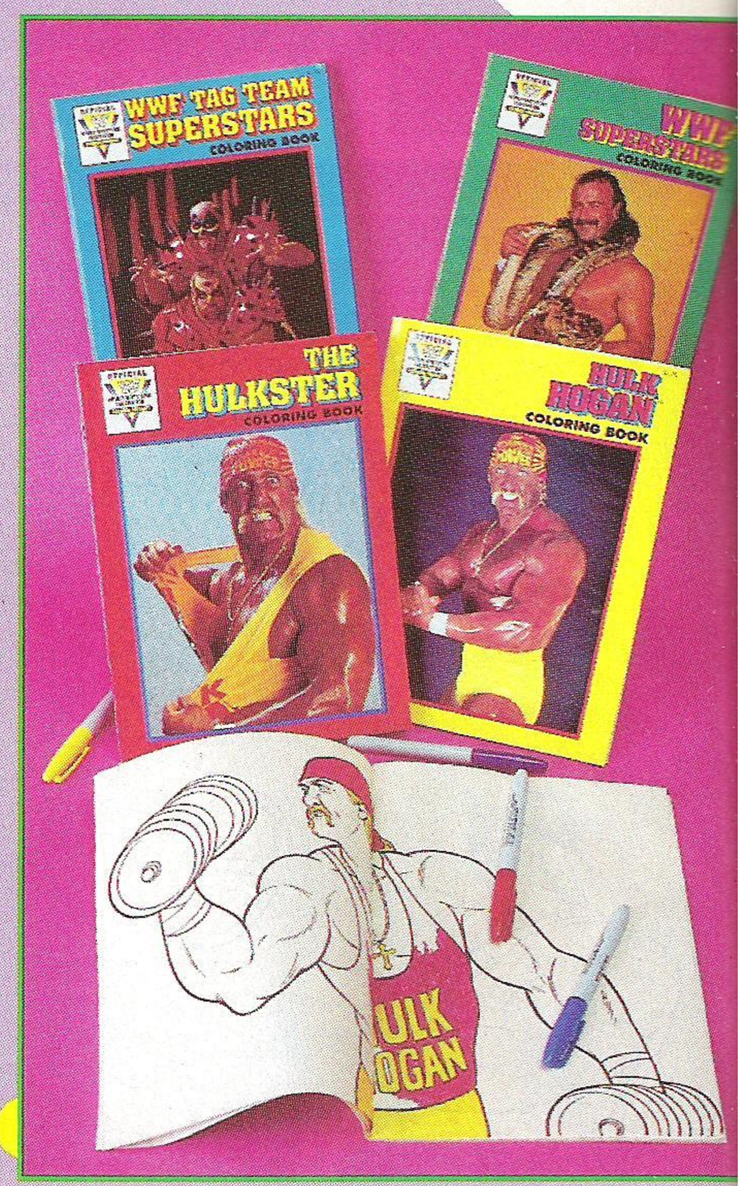

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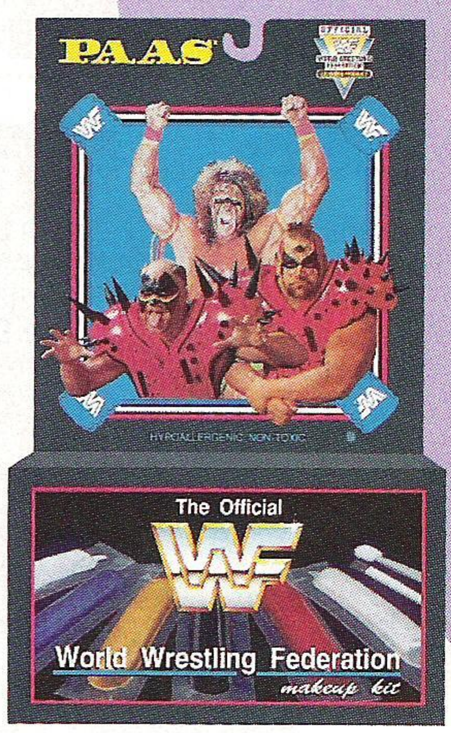

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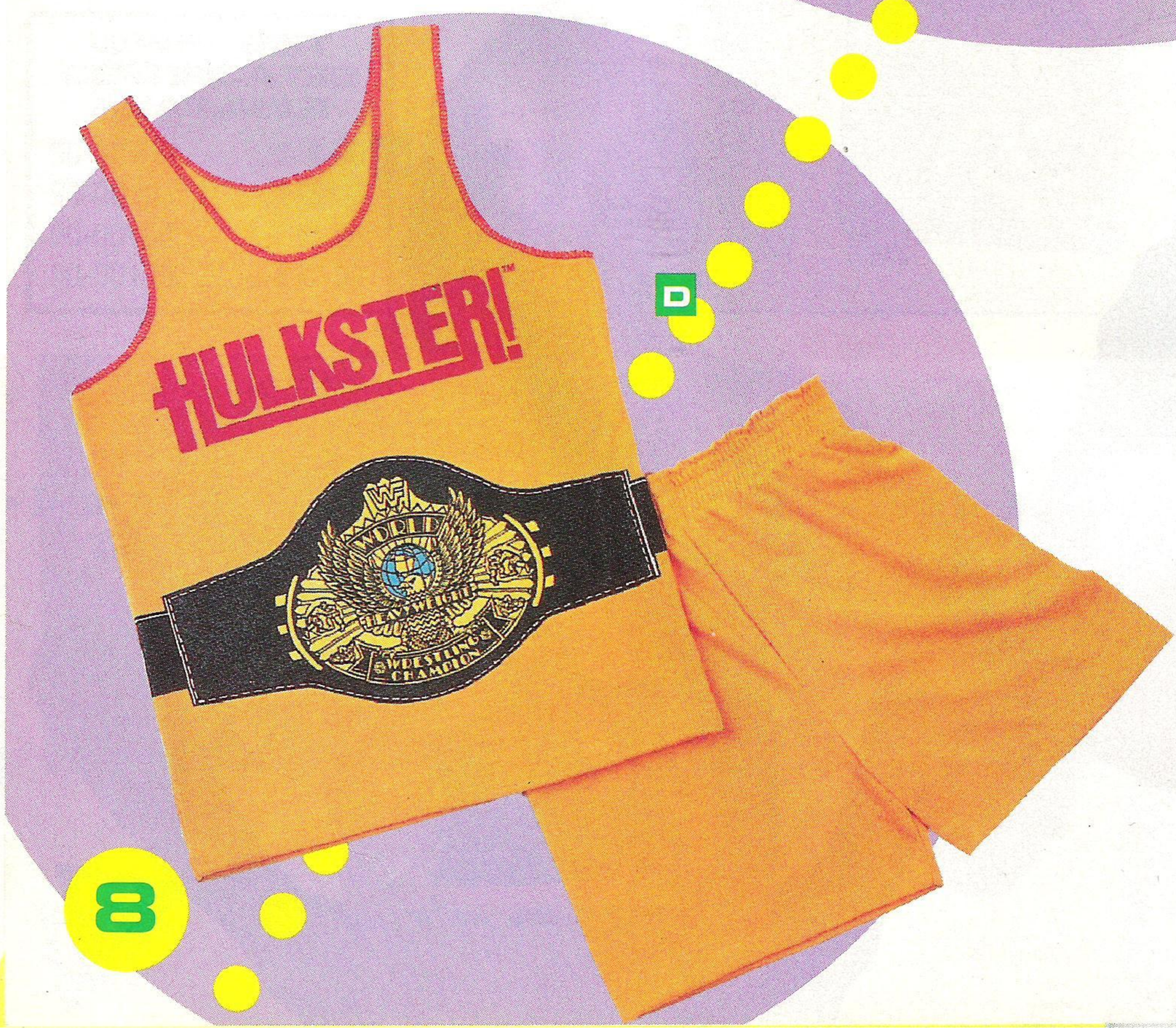

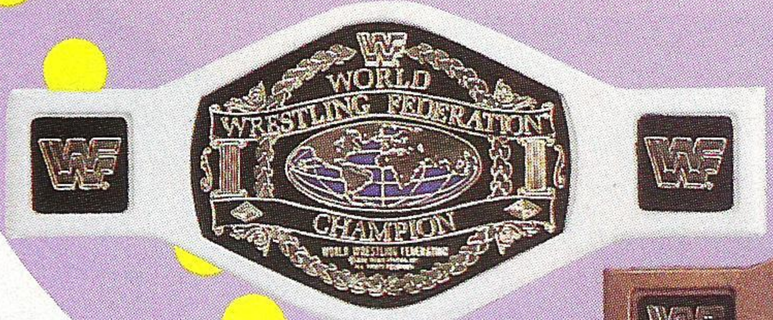

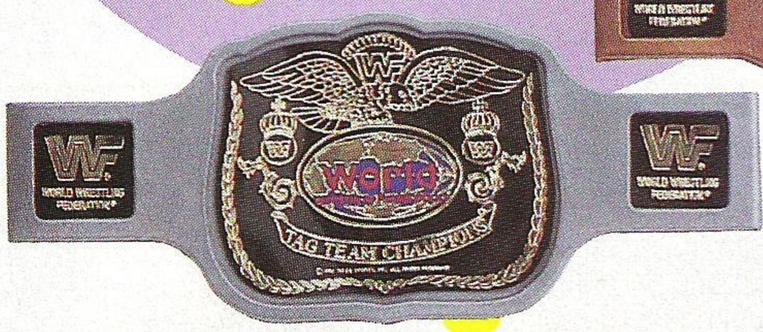

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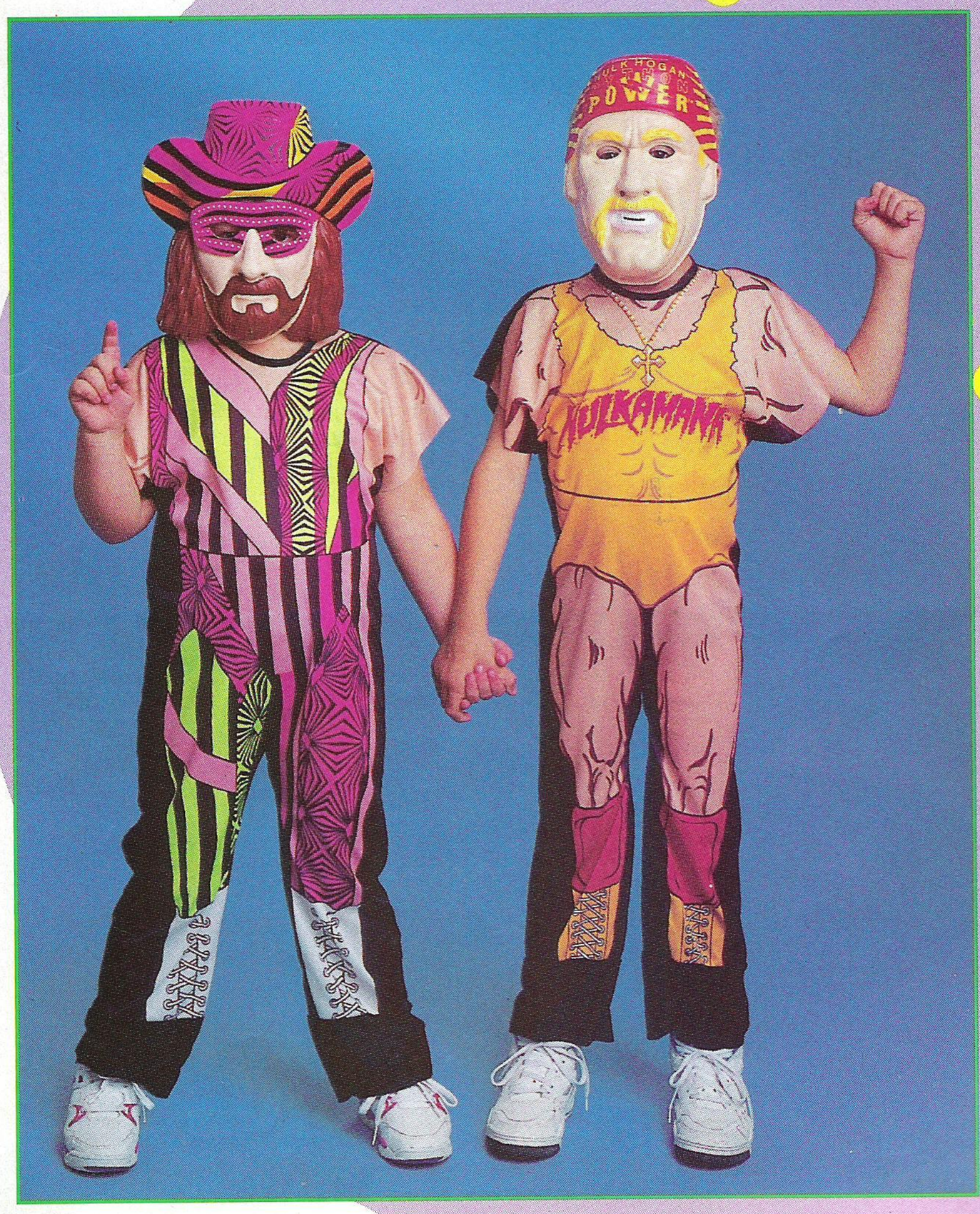

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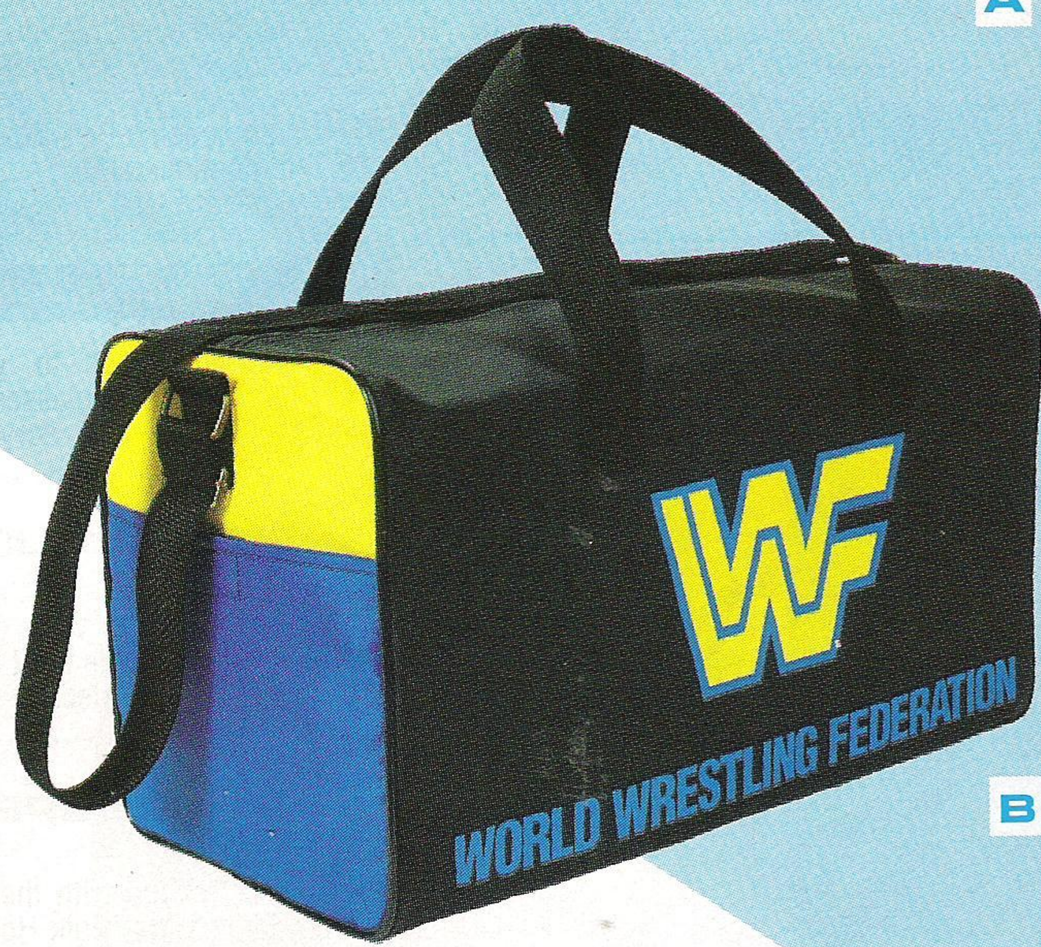

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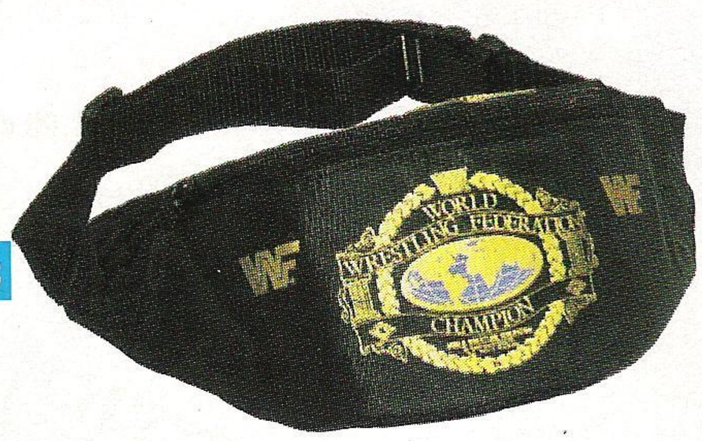

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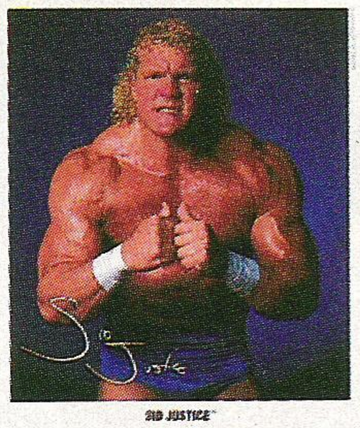

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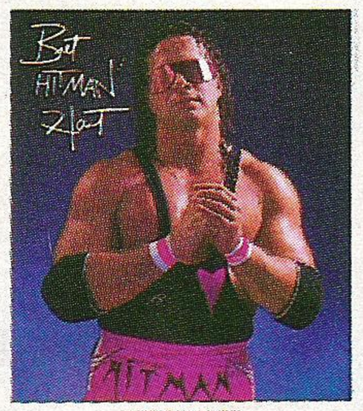

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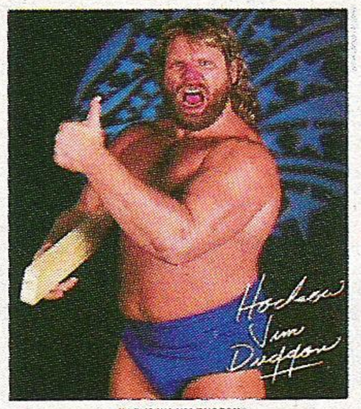

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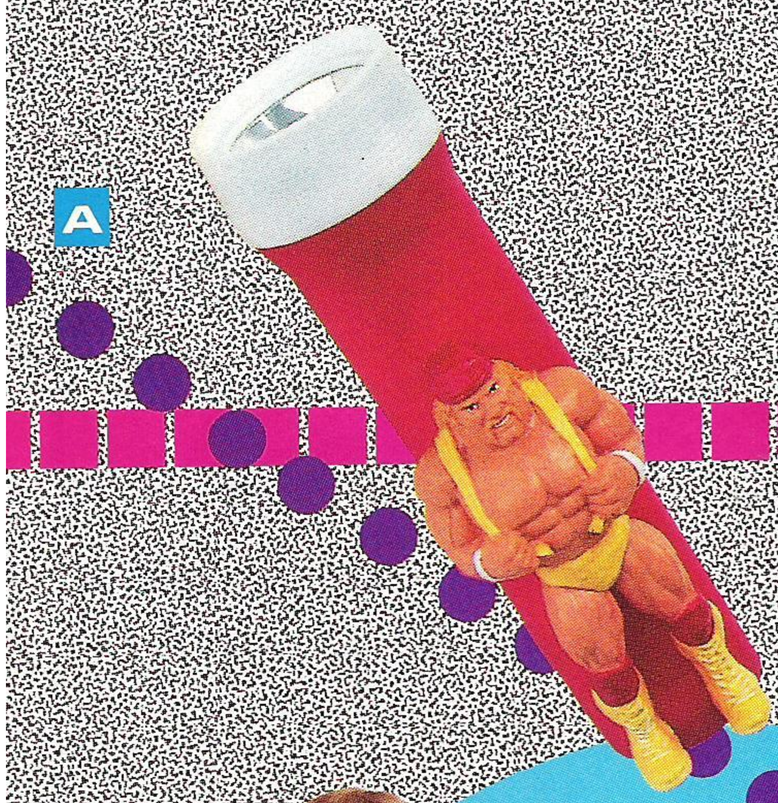

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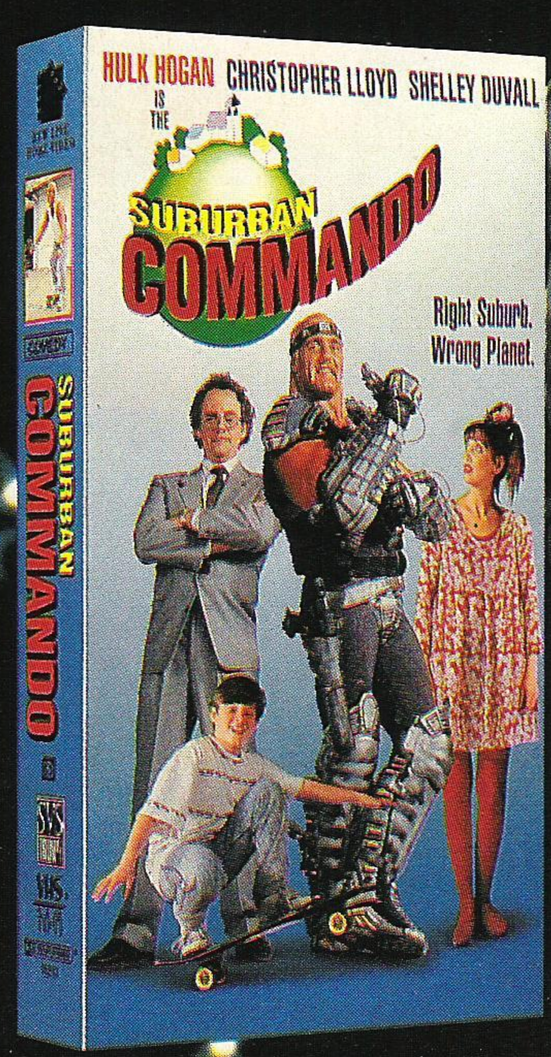

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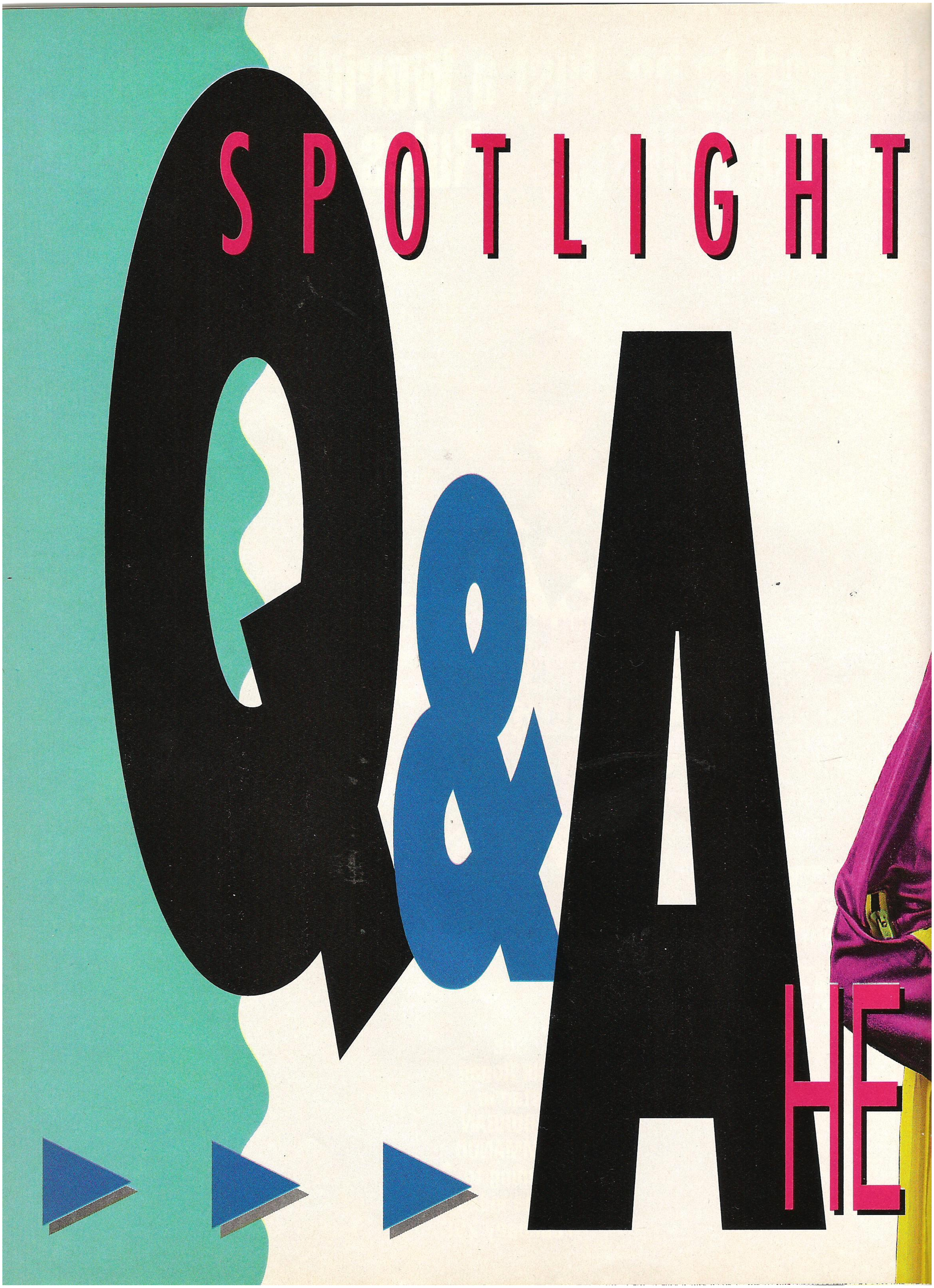


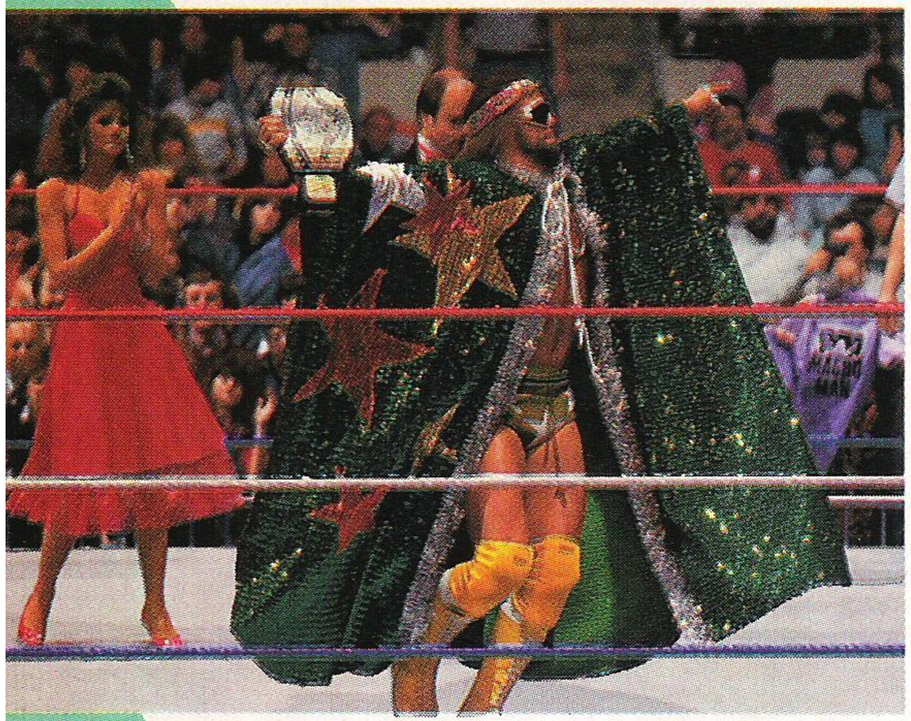
SAID, SHE SAID:

Randy and Elizabeth Answer Your Questions

By Keith Elliot Greenberg

From their first days together in the WWF, Macho Man Randy Savage and Elizabeth have been the most compelling couple not only in the WWF, but possibly anywhere. Initially, their relationship was simply between manager and protégé. But feelings seemed to come into play fairly early—and wrestling fans rode the emotional roller coaster with the engaging pair. Now, Savage and Elizabeth answer the questions that are most often asked by fans of *WWF Magazine*.

Q&A



The editors made a list of reader queries concerning the duo, then brought the most absorbing ones to Savage and Elizabeth. Aware of the heart-stirring effect each has on the other, we interviewed them in separate rooms—to ensure that the responses would be completely independent and uninhibited.

WWF: When did you feel you detected the first signs of romance in your relationship?

ELIZABETH: It's hard to say. The stirrings were always there from the beginning. When I first began managing Randy, I respected his wrestling ability and his endless drive to go to the top. At the same time, I didn't really admire him as a person—I felt he was excessively cruel in the ring and mean to the fans. Yet, the more time I spent getting to know him, the more I began to feel that there was a part of him that wanted to be noble, and he just needed the right kind of encouragement to bring it out. Then, I made it my mission to save him—to make him walk the straight and narrow path. I guess it was around that time that I started to feel the first real pangs of affection for the Macho Man.

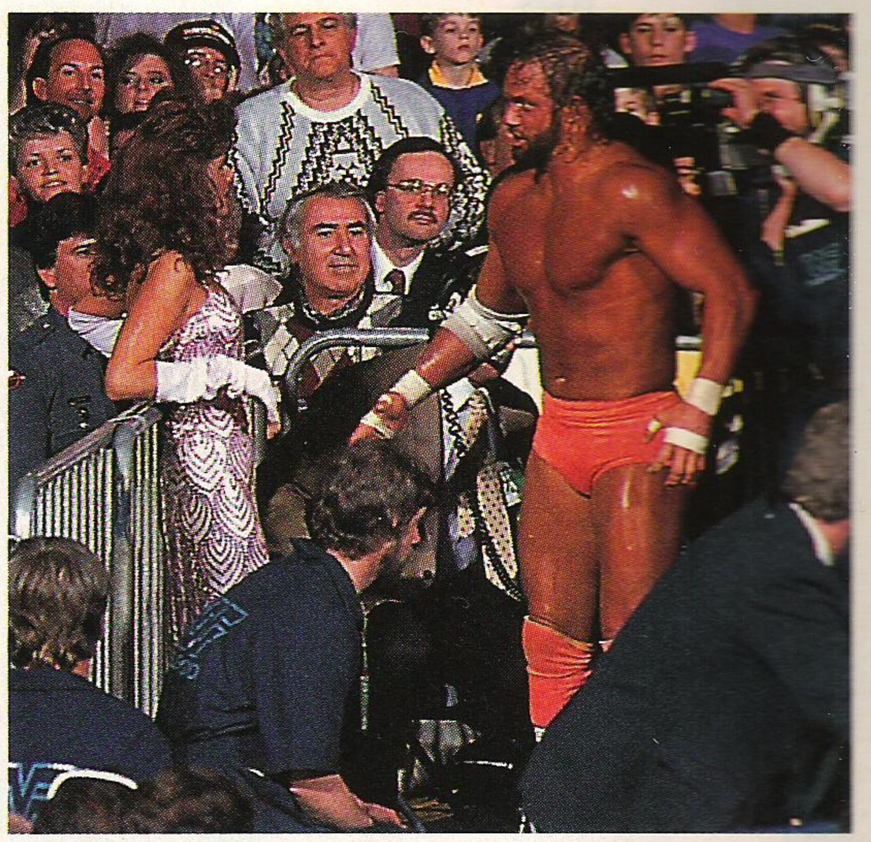
SAVAGE: If you want me to tell you the honest truth, I think I fell for Elizabeth—head over heels, as a matter of fact—when I met her. That's correct—you heard it right. I've never said this before—to Elizabeth or anyone else. But when I looked at those sparkling eyes, that happy smile and that soft skin for the first time...ooooh, yeaaa, I kinda get goose bumps just thinking about it now. The problem at the time was that I didn't know the right way to show it. I didn't know how to show it for a long, long time. Fortunately for the Macho Man, Elizabeth was willing to give me some assistance. She showed me what it's like to be a real man—yeaaa.

WWF: You two have had a lot of highs and lows. First, what was the high point, and then what was the low point?

ELIZABETH: There are a lot of high points. I think our marriage at Madison Square Garden was one of them. Even afterward, when Jake "The Snake" Roberts crashed the reception and caused all kinds of terror, he couldn't take away my joy in knowing that I had married the man I love. Another great day was when Randy won the WWF Championship at *WrestleMania IV* in Atlantic City. All the strategy we spoke about seemed to fall into place once Randy got into the ring. Hulk Hogan was in the corner, ready to help out, and the whole event seemed just magical. But then I went from a state of euphoria to an absolute zero in a few short months. Randy's jealousy of Hulk Hogan broke us up, and it broke me up inside. By

the time *WrestleMania V* came around, Randy was calling himself my enemy. I was standing in the opposite corner from the love of my life, managing Hulk Hogan, looking across at Randy in disbelief and just asking myself, "Why?"

SAVAGE: I would have to say that the high point of the relationship



and the low point of the relationship took place on the very same day. I think a lot of the fans remember it: March 24, 1991. The place was Los Angeles, California—*WrestleMania VII*—and the situation was something that could only happen in Hollywood. Throughout my life, I've made many mistakes. But I think the biggest one was getting myself mixed up with a lady known as Sensational Sherri. Now, Sherri was sensational all right when I was winning. But when I lost a "loser must retire" match to the Ultimate Warrior that day, she was nothing but rotten. She came into the ring while I was unconscious and began kicking me. She took my head and slammed it into the mat. And the fans at ringside were laughing at the Macho Man because not only had I just been forced to retire, but now I was taking a beating from a woman. It was very humiliating, the lowest point of my life, and I had only myself to blame. Because, if I had been smart, I would've stayed with Elizabeth in the first place. Now, just as all this is happening, who comes out of the crowd to my defense but Elizabeth herself? She gets in there with Sherri and—I don't know how she did it—knocks Sherri out of the ring and sends her running back to the dressing room. I'm starting to come to, and I thought I had died and gone to heaven. I had just suffered the worst defeat of my life, and now here's Elizabeth, standing in front of me, like some angel at the Pearly Gates, saying, "Everything's all right." I had nothing at this point, you understand—my wrestling career was over. But Elizabeth didn't care. She was there because, unlike Sherri, she believed in me whether I had a career or not. They say you have to lose to learn. Well, I learned that day. I learned that Elizabeth is healthier for me than a whole warehouse full of vitamin C.

WWF: If you could do anything over again, what would it be?

ELIZABETH: I don't like to look at life with regrets because it's not productive to say, "I should have done this" or "I could have done that." Really, I'm very happy with the way things have turned out. But, at the same time, there's always room for improvement. I think, early on, I would have been a little more firm with Randy and not let things spiral out of control the way they did. Back then, I knew he had a very uncontrollable personality, and I didn't want to do anything to aggravate him. Now I think it might have been good to challenge him a little. Once he started getting irrational, I would have said, "Look, Randy, you have to simmer down. You've listened to my advice so far, and it's only brought you success. Now you're going to have to trust me and stop being so defiant, or you'll have to find another manager." Of course, I would have just been bluffing—I never would have left Randy—but now I believe that putting that type of fear into him would have straightened him out a whole lot quicker.

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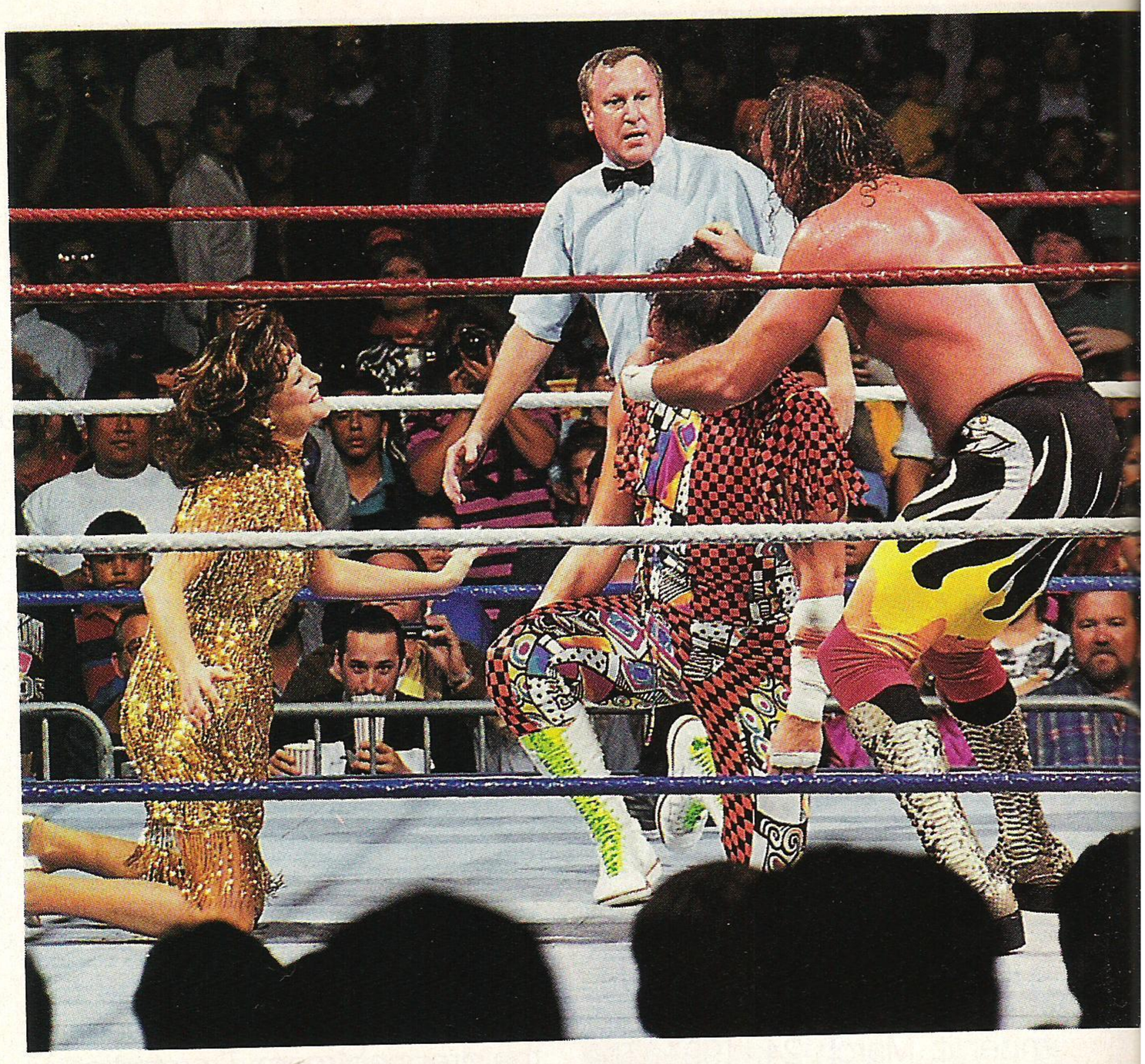
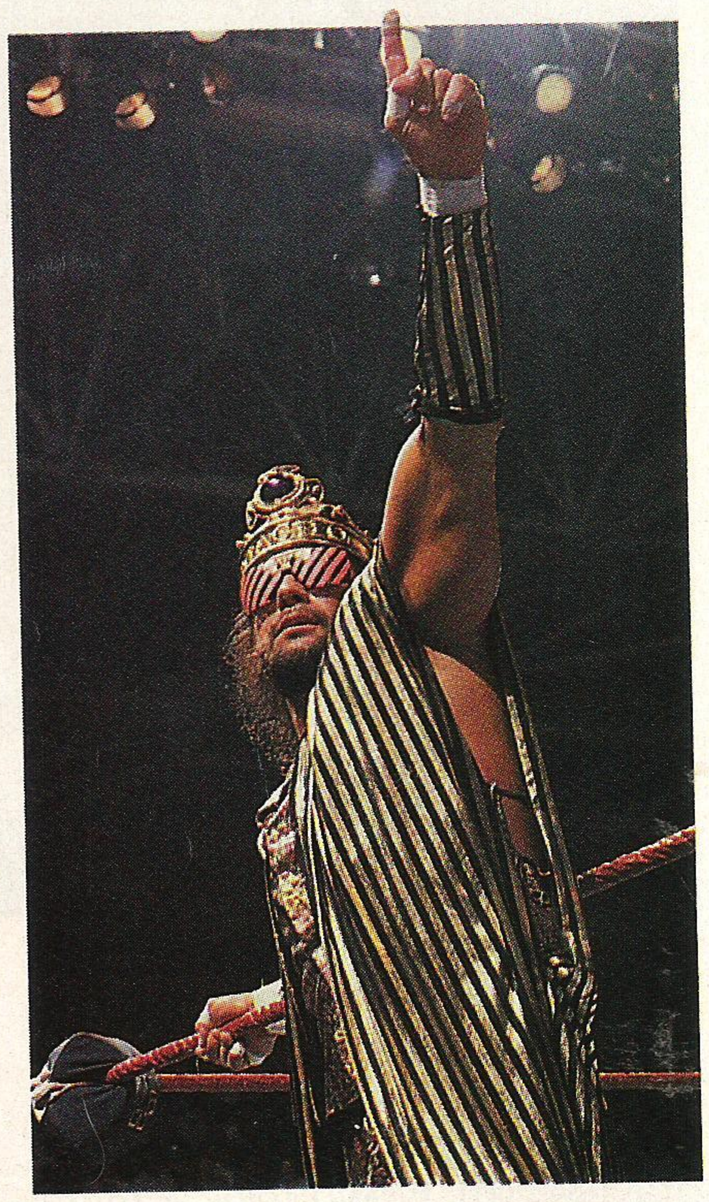
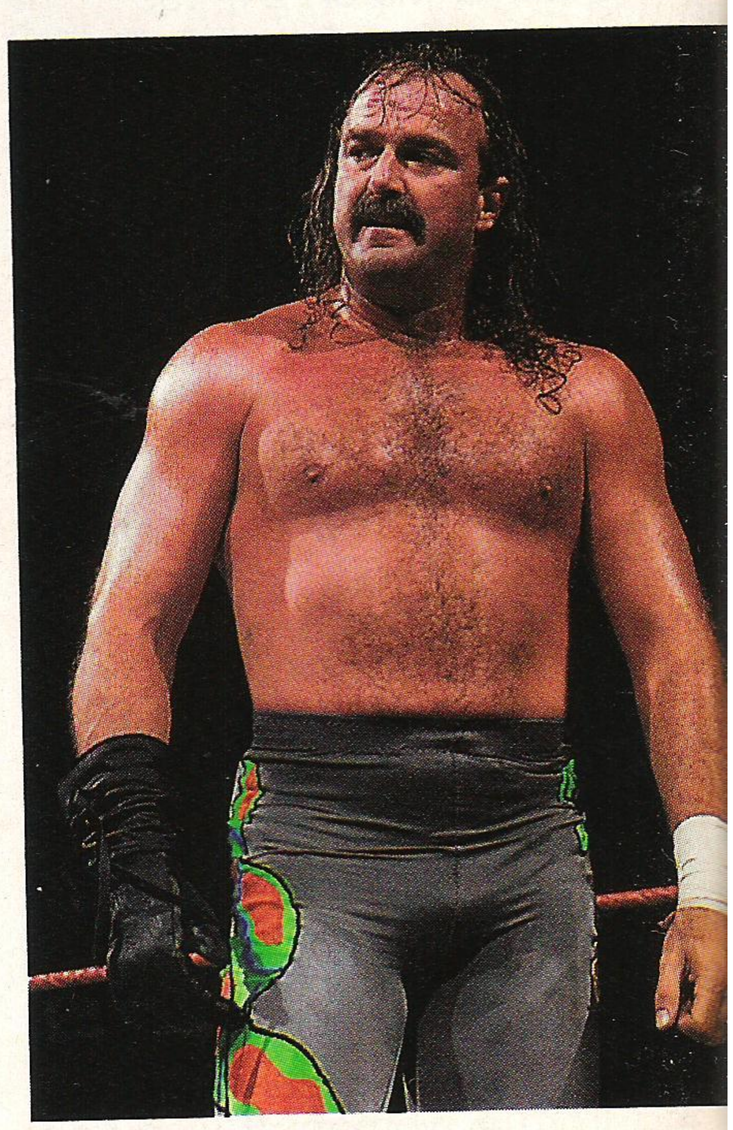




SAVAGE: Straight off the bat, I never would have taken on Sherri as a manager. I'm not saying that it wasn't good that Elizabeth and I had some time away from each other—after all, absence makes the heart grow fonder, or at least it certainly did in my case—but it was wrong to be mixed up with a person who didn't have my best interests at heart. Fast-forwarding a little bit, I carry a lot of regret about the incident that happened with Jake "The Snake" Roberts at the *Tuesday in Texas* pay-per-view show last December. I left myself vulnerable, and as a result, I couldn't protect Elizabeth. She's spoken to me about this a lot, and she constantly says, "Randy, it's not your fault. I'm the one who put myself in the dangerous situation, not you." Still, I know that Elizabeth wouldn't have run down to that ring if Jake hadn't been hurting me. And—even though Elizabeth insists I'm not responsible—whenever I think of Roberts striking my wife, it drives me into a frenzy. If I could have any wish, I think I'd like to go back in time and hurt Roberts so much that he never would have had a chance to do all the terrible things he did.

WWF: Which wrestler has done the most harm to Randy Savage and Elizabeth?

ELIZABETH: There have been several people who have caused us great harm. Certainly, the Honky Tonk Man was one of them. The worst, perhaps, was Jake "The Snake" Roberts. He tried not only to hurt us individually but break up the ties that bind us. And he struck us at the moment we should have been happiest—the day of our marriage. However, you can't let things like that get you down. You've got to face adversity and make the best out of it. I think that's what Randy and I have done. Each crisis has made us



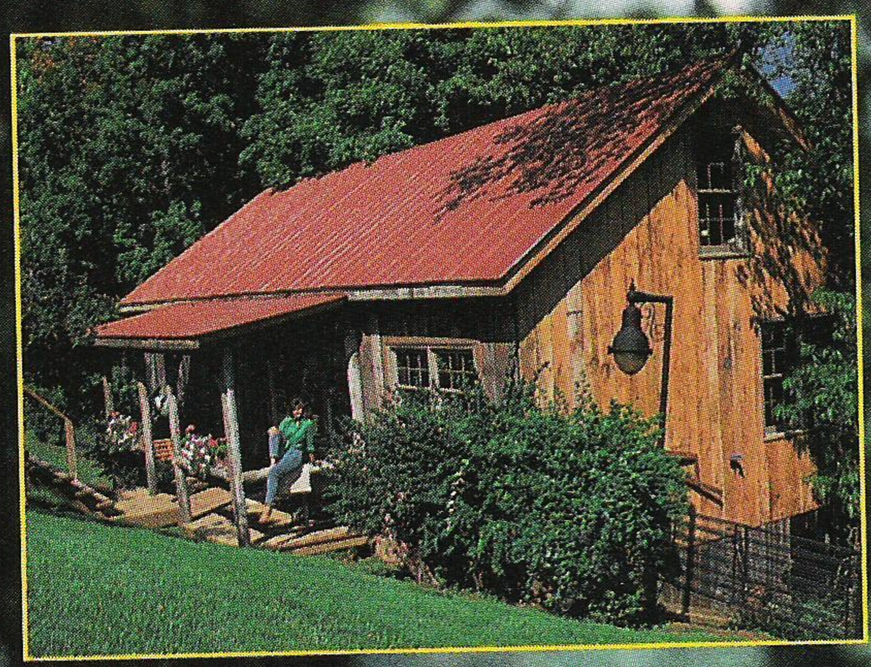
stronger and made us realize what we mean to each other. If you dwell on the bad things in life, then your life becomes bad. Nobody goes through life without some unhappiness. So make the most of your happy moments.

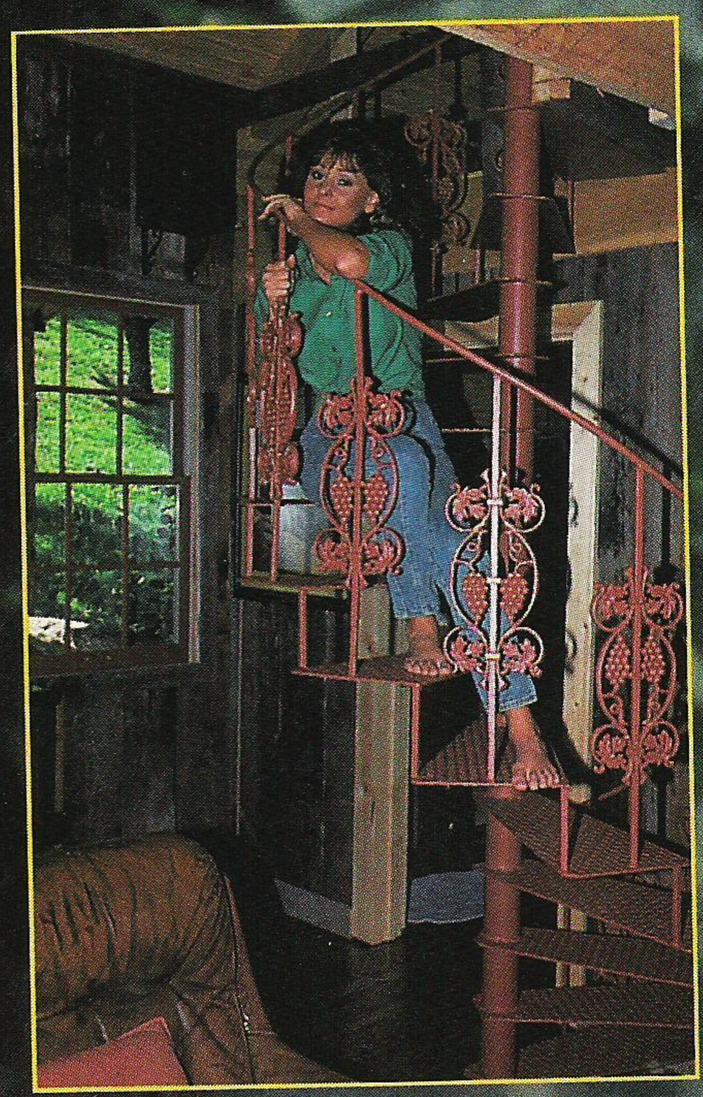
SAVAGE: It might sound corny, but it's true: Macho Man Randy Savage has done more harm to himself and to Elizabeth than any of my opponents. But I don't want to stand here and get down on myself for it. The reason I made things difficult is because I loved Elizabeth with such intensity that I couldn't always see clearly. You know, a lot of people point to the weeks before *WrestleMania V*, when my partnership with Hulk Hogan fell apart, as a time when the Macho Man was clearly at fault. But Elizabeth means a lot to me, and when I felt that my territory was being invaded, I just lashed out. I admire Hulk Hogan possibly more than any man in wrestling and will probably team with him again in the future, but if you ask me, "Could it happen again?" I don't know what I can tell you. You see, Elizabeth means more to me than any championship belt, any material possession, any kind of prize or honor. And the greatest thing about her is she's mine. I understand I have a jealous nature, but understanding it doesn't mean I can or wish to control it, if you get my drift.

WWF: Do you have confidence that your relationship can now remain on an even keel?

ELIZABETH: Yes. I think the worst times are over. What Randy and I have is a true bond with each other. And, no matter how tough things get, I know that bond will never be broken.

SAVAGE: I think everything will be fine, as long as everyone respects our marriage. Let Elizabeth and me live our lives in peace, and there'll be nothing to worry about. But if I receive any indication that anybody is even thinking about taking Elizabeth away from me, I'll take all the maturity and sensitivity I've picked up over these last few months and throw it out the window. That's right. Because the Macho Man belongs to Elizabeth, and Elizabeth belongs to the Macho Man. And I'll walk across water or tear down a city to make sure that it's never any other way. Oooooh, yeaaa! WF



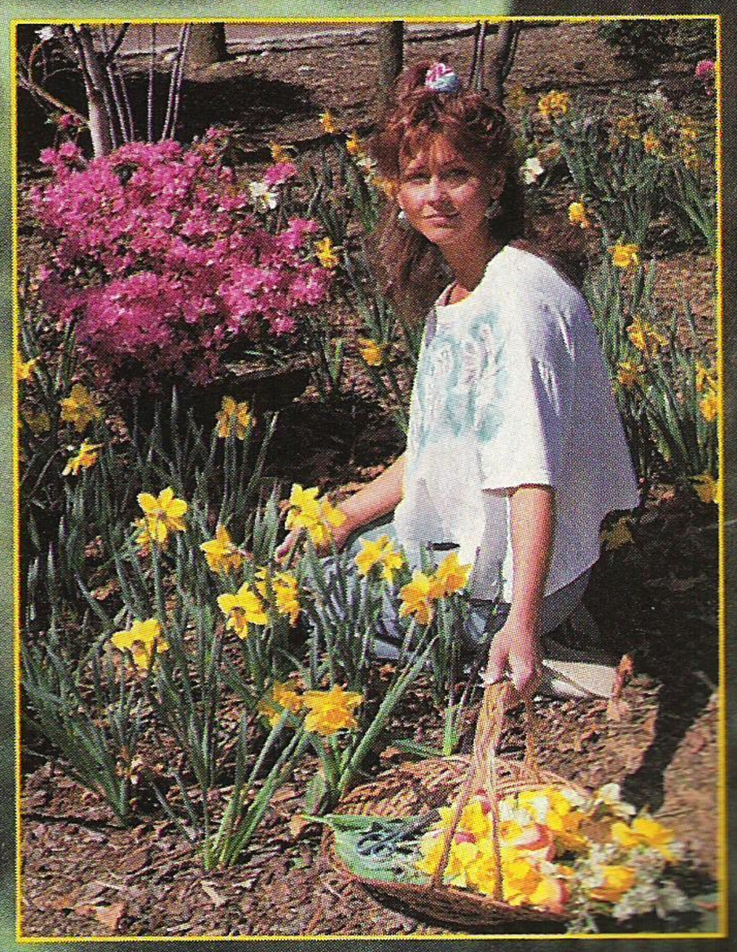


Elizabeth

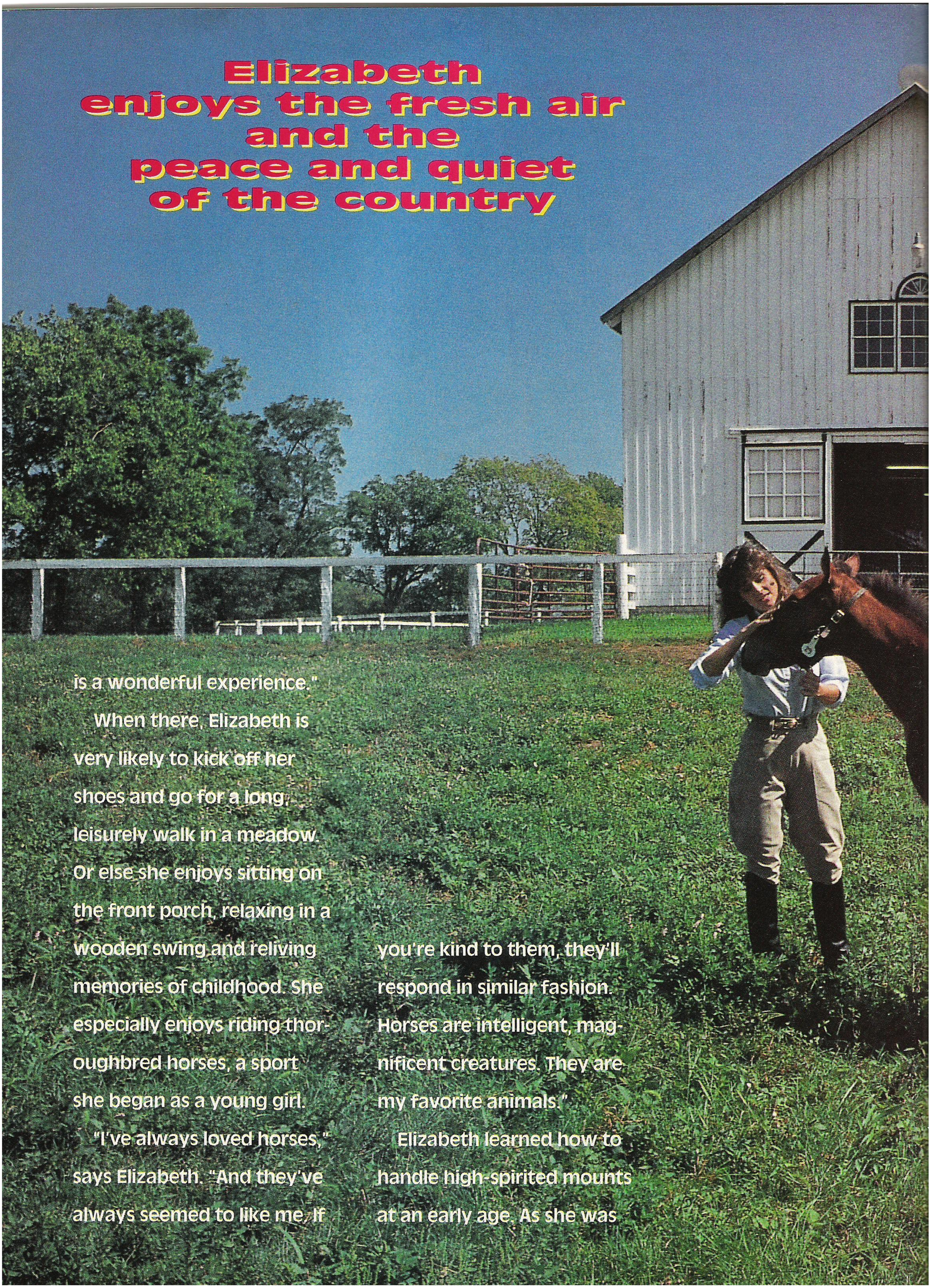
BEHIND THE SCENES

Deep in her heart, the glamorous Elizabeth is really a country girl. She hails from the Bluegrass State of Kentucky, where she grew up amidst the green pastures of horse country. As busy as she is these days, she still manages to take the time to return to her old Kentucky home for several visits a year.

"I was born there, raised there, and I love it there," she says of the family homestead. "Going back home, even if only for a few days,



Elizabeth enjoys the fresh air and the peace and quiet of the country

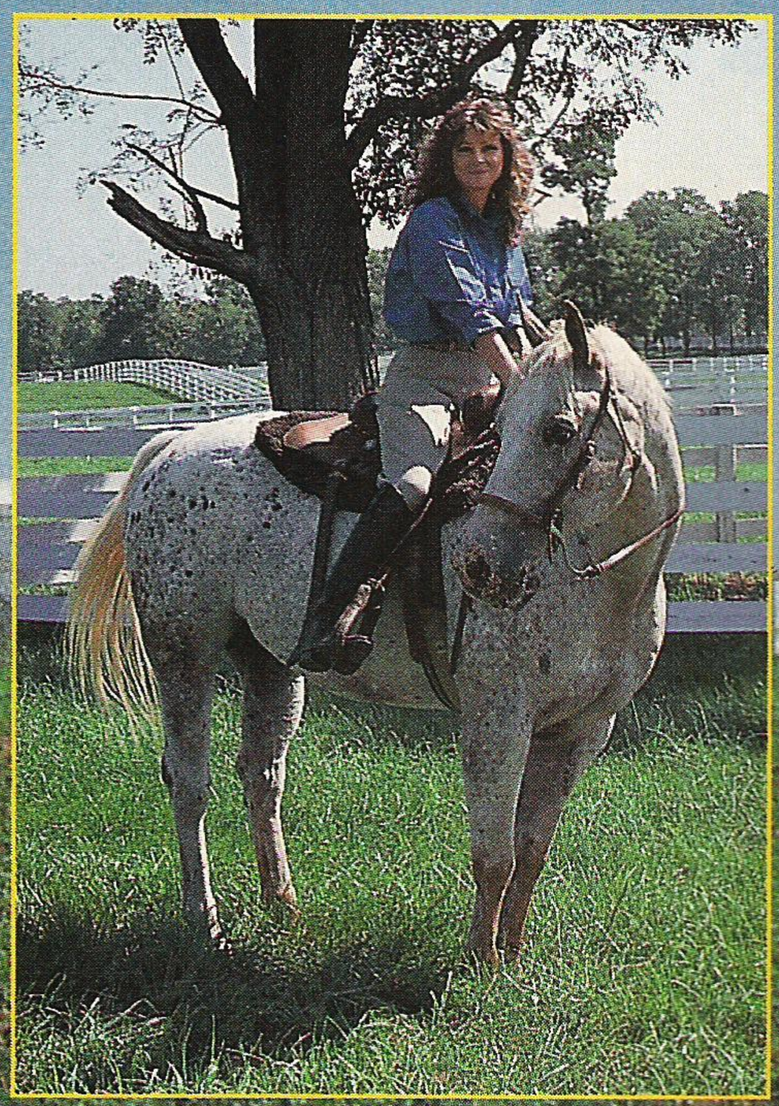


is a wonderful experience."

When there, Elizabeth is very likely to kick off her shoes and go for a long, leisurely walk in a meadow. Or else she enjoys sitting on the front porch, relaxing in a wooden swing and reliving memories of childhood. She especially enjoys riding thoroughbred horses, a sport she began as a young girl.

"I've always loved horses," says Elizabeth. "And they've always seemed to like me. If you're kind to them, they'll respond in similar fashion. Horses are intelligent, magnificent creatures. They are my favorite animals."

Elizabeth learned how to handle high-spirited mounts at an early age. As she was



growing up, she perfected her equestrian skills to a high level and eventually competed in horse shows.

A horse show in the Bluegrass State—home of the Kentucky Derby—is something special. The best of the best are there. "The competition in Kentucky horse shows is very intense and at the highest level," Elizabeth says. "It's a world of superstars." Then she adds with a smile, "It reminds me of the WWF." WF

RANDY & FLAIR IN WRESTLEMANIA

The world is shocked by photographs published in the April issue of *WWF Magazine*, which Ric Flair claims are proof that he and Elizabeth, wife of Macho Man Randy Savage, knew one another some years ago. Flair asserts he had a "relationship" with Elizabeth before she met Savage.

Flair provided the photos to the magazine at the moment of deadline. Editors tried to contact Savage and Elizabeth to verify the accuracy of the photos, but they were on vacation and couldn't be reached. The photographs are explosive, calculated to send Macho Man Randy Savage into a volcanic rage. Flair has done what no one else has ever tried—impugned the dignity of Randy's beloved Elizabeth.

It is difficult to determine what repercussions will occur from these photos and what will happen at *WrestleMania VIII* when Savage and Flair meet. Stay tuned to WWF television. You'll get the latest reports there.

TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM PG. 15

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WWF CHAMPION RIC FLAIR HAS PROVIDED *WWF MAGAZINE* WITH SOME SHOCKING PHOTOS THAT HE SAYS PROVE HE HAD A "RELATIONSHIP" WITH ELIZABETH SOME YEARS BEFORE SHE MET AND EVENTUALLY MARRIED MACHO MAN RANDY SAVAGE.

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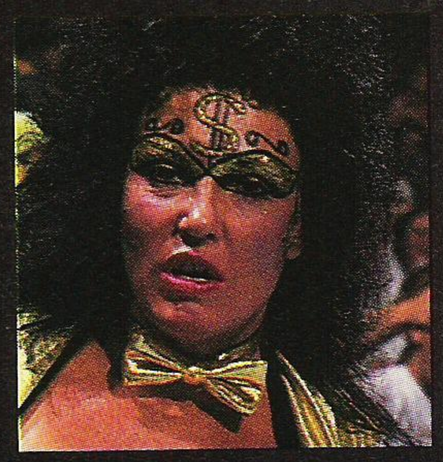

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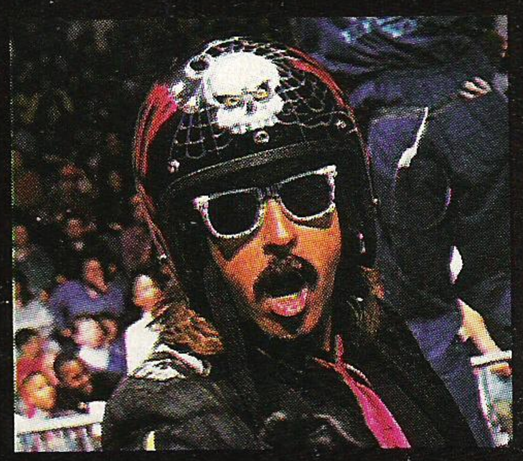

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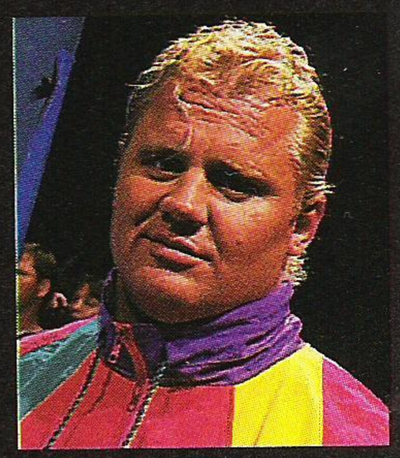

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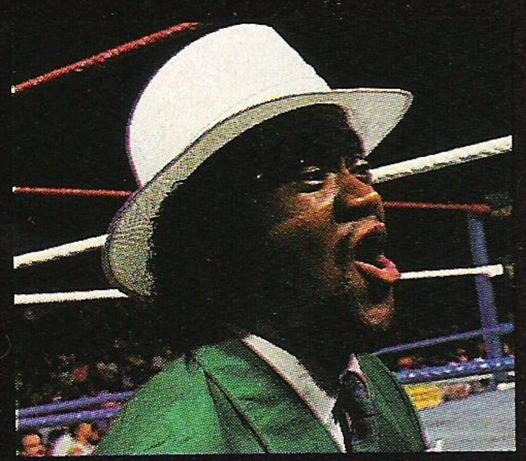

by Lou

Elizabeth's position in the WWF is unique. She has to balance the business career of the Macho Man and at the same time be his loving, devoted wife. On a daily basis, she negotiates with various promoters concerning contract and match stipulations. She also works with marketing agencies in an effort to obtain endorsement deals for the Macho Man. Elizabeth couples these huge responsibilities with those of being a devoted wife.

She embodies the spirit of a grass-roots American wife. She cares for her man. She provides him with comfort in the midst of chaos. She provides him with a sense of unity when his world seems to be disintegrating. Elizabeth calmly handles these difficult situations with grace and tact.

However, she has her detractors. Other managers in the World Wrestling Federation, mostly those

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who belong to the rulebreaking clique, feel that Elizabeth shouldn't mix business with marriage. If she continues to do so, the managers predict that she will eventually fail in the WWF.

Take Jimmy "Mouth of the South" Hart, for example. He says he knows a lot about the demure manager. In the past, his former protégé, the Honky Tonk Man, wrestled the Macho Man in a match that was shown on national television. When Honky attempted to manhandle Savage after the bell, Elizabeth came to Randy's aid.

It was a mistake. Honky, in an act of unprecedented cowardice, shoved Elizabeth to the canvas, knocking the wind out of her.

The Mouth says that he is positive Elizabeth will find herself in similar situations if she continues to step between the ropes.

"You know, Elizabeth should learn her place in the World Wrestling Federation," says the skinny manager. "She should stay away from the ring, baby. It ain't no place for a woman. A few years ago, she learned that firsthand when one of my boys treated her in just the same way that he'd treat anybody else who gets in the squared circle, daddy. If she keeps it up, who knows what'll happen to her in the future?"

Harvey Wippleman, who manages the Warlord's career, agrees with Jimmy Hart. He says Elizabeth should learn to control her emotions or else she will risk severe physical injury in the future.

"Elizabeth, the WWF is no place for women, period!" snarls the cocky manager. "And if you keep getting involved in the Macho Man's matches, you're gonna get hurt and hurt badly, little girl. I can't even imagine what would

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happen if you got between my Warlord and your old man. It could be bad. It could be nasty. In fact, Elizabeth, it could be downright ugly. So stay away from the ring, lady. It's no place for women! There is one exception to that rule, however, and that's Sensational Sherri."

Sensational Sherri, a woman who many say is far from being a lady, also has plenty to say about Elizabeth. Sherri, who now manages Shawn Michaels, has had several altercations with Elizabeth over the years. At *WrestleMania VII* last year, for example, Elizabeth got the better of Sherri when she was humiliating the Macho Man after he lost a retirement match. Elizabeth ran to Savage's side and physically removed Sherri from the ring.

Sherri says that she resents Elizabeth's managerial skills and that she also resents her as a person. "Elizabeth is always sticking her nose where it doesn't belong," Sherri says. "Last year at *WrestleMania VII,* when I was letting the Macho Man know he wasn't so macho, little Miss Elizabeth came into the ring and put her greasy, slimy hands on this magnificent body. That wasn't the first time she got in my face. The year before, at *WrestleMania VI,* she did the same in the mixed tag team match.

"I can't stomach Elizabeth!" snorts Sherri. "She gives the impression that she's all sweetness and light. She's not. She's sneaky. She's pulled tricks on me that only an alley cat would. She's a no-good backstabber. And you know what? She's out only for herself. That's right. The only thing Elizabeth loves is Elizabeth. She's the kind that only wants to feather her own nest. Just look at her. She dropped Randy Savage like a hot potato. Then she came back to him and got him to marry her. Next thing you know, presto, Savage is reinstated by that nincompoop WWF President Jack Tunney. I know that Elizabeth talked to him and turned his head. She's the kind of wimpy woman that a fool like Tunney thinks is pretty. So much for Tunney. He couldn't handle a real woman like me. Anyway, back to that little sneak, Elizabeth. She thinks that Randy Savage is her meal ticket. She thinks he's going to beat Ric Flair at *WrestleMania VIII* and be the next WWF Champion. Well, let me tell you something, Miss Elizabeth. Let me tell you something you don't want to hear. No way. I'll tell you right now that Ric Flair is going to beat the blazes out of Macho Man Randy Savage. So-called Macho Man is no match for the real man, Ric Flair. He's going to put the so-called Macho Man back in retirement."

Reverend Slick, who is Elizabeth's only ally on this issue, takes exception to the preceding comments. He says that he admires Elizabeth's uncanny business acumen and her ability to handle volatile situations in a calm and graceful manner. He says he speaks from experience.

"During the time when God was not with me and when I was a man without the faith that I carry in my heart today, I remember plotting against Elizabeth during a tag team match that was viewed on national television," the Reverend recalls. "It was my old tag team, the Twin Towers [Big Boss Man and Akeem] against the Mega-Powers [Hulk Hogan and the Macho Man]. Although I didn't admit it for a while, I was surprised at how skillfully Elizabeth called her strategy during the match. She was a magnificent manager then, and I truly believe, as God is my witness, that she's a magnificent manager today.

"The only reason that these heathen managers are insulting Elizabeth is because they are all jealous. They are jealous of her brilliance. They are jealous of her charm. They are jealous of her beauty and her decency. And jealousy, as I have found out, is nothing but another face of the Devil himself. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!" WF

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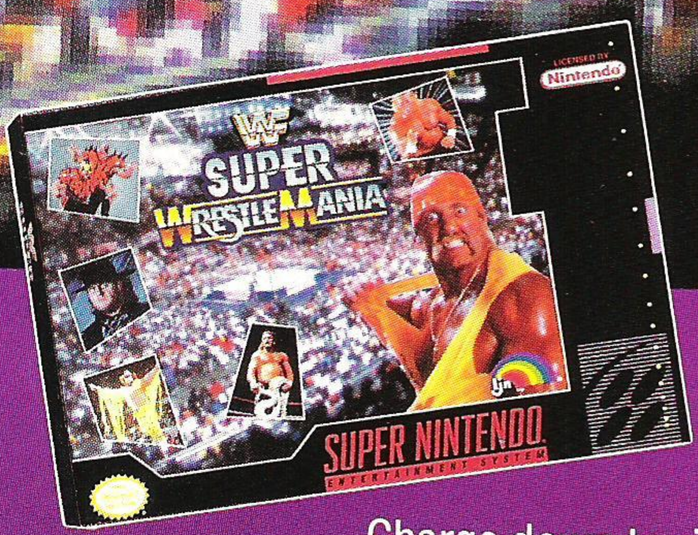

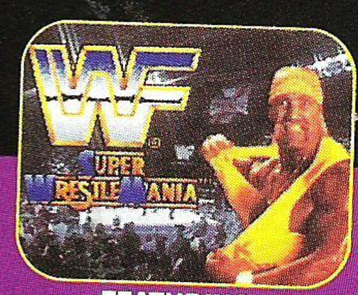

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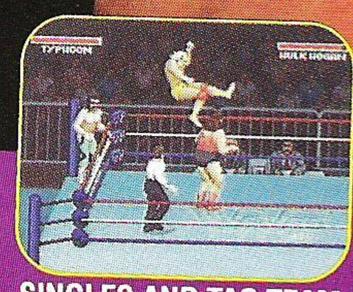

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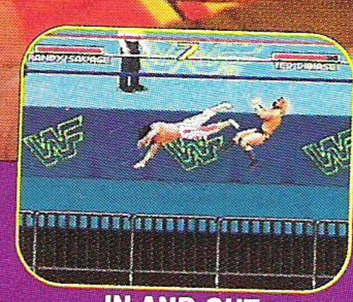

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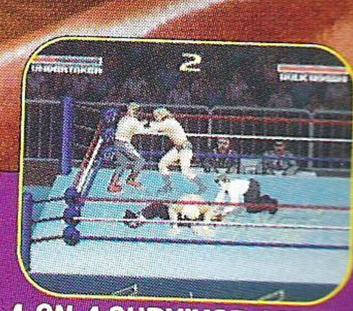

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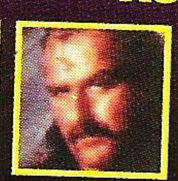

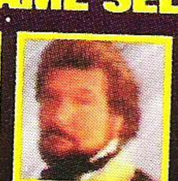

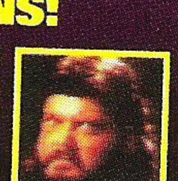

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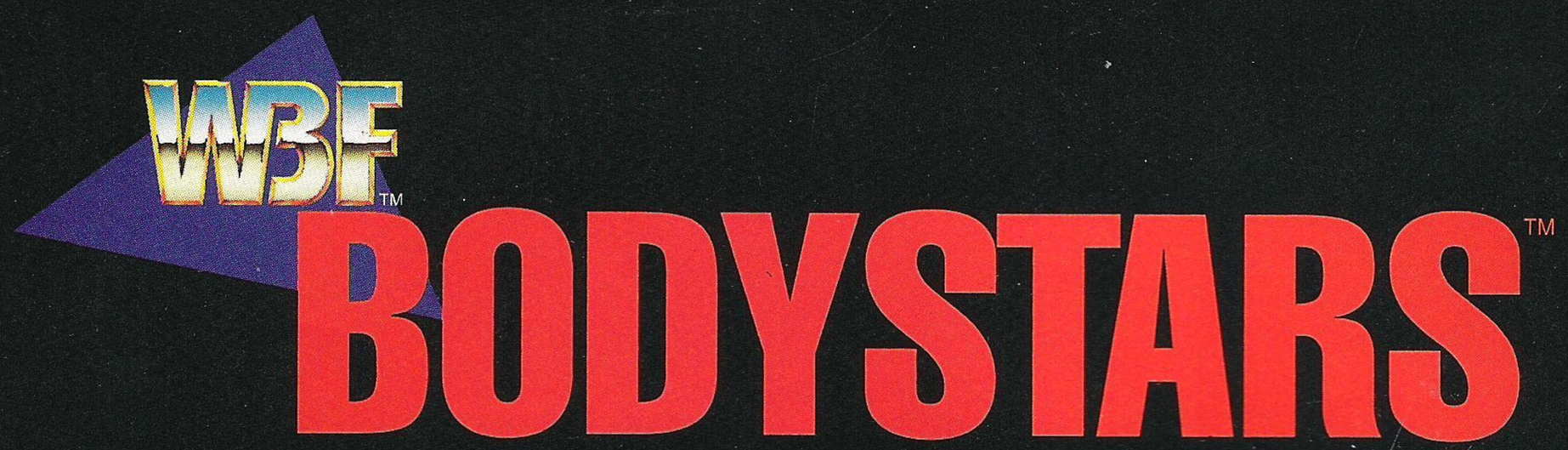

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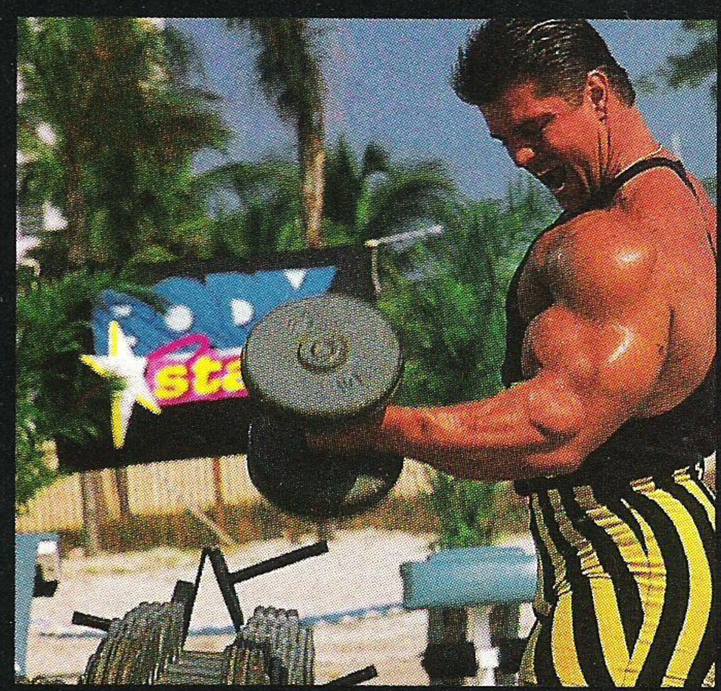

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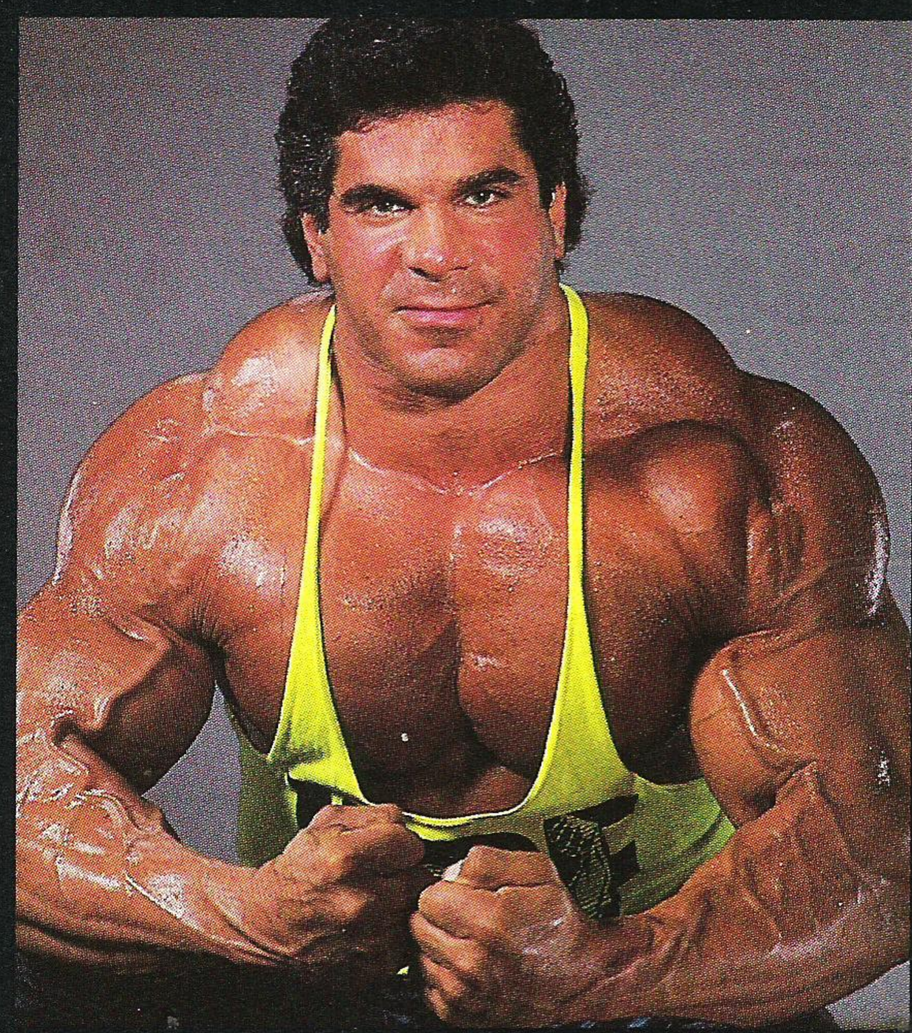

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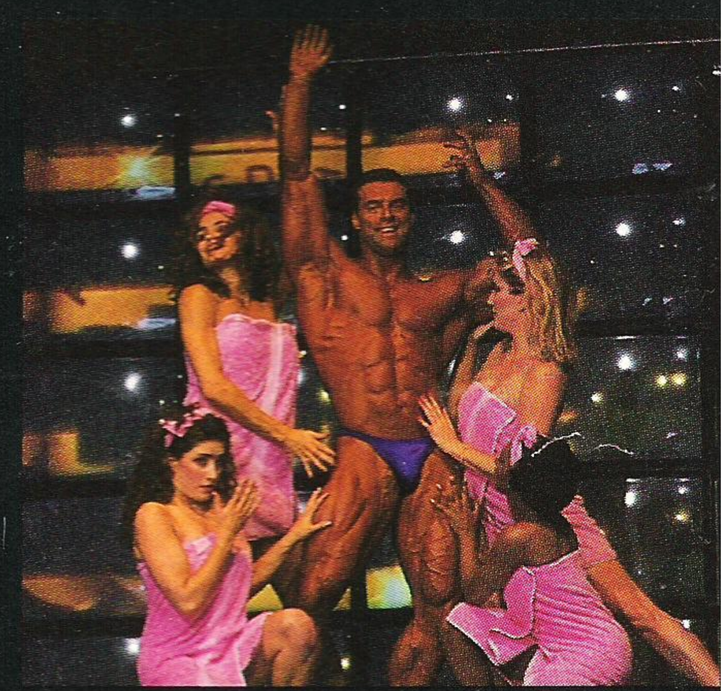

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